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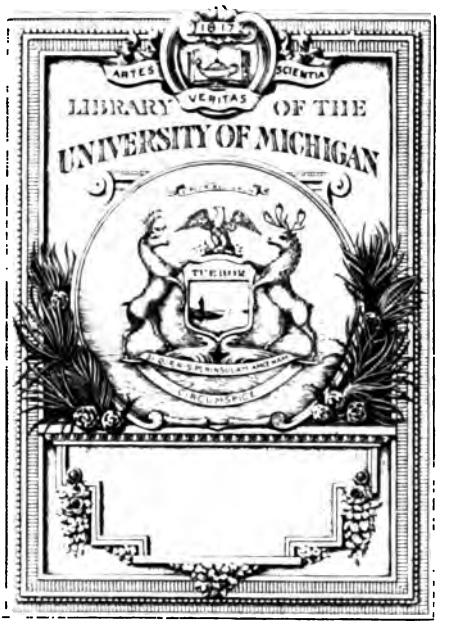
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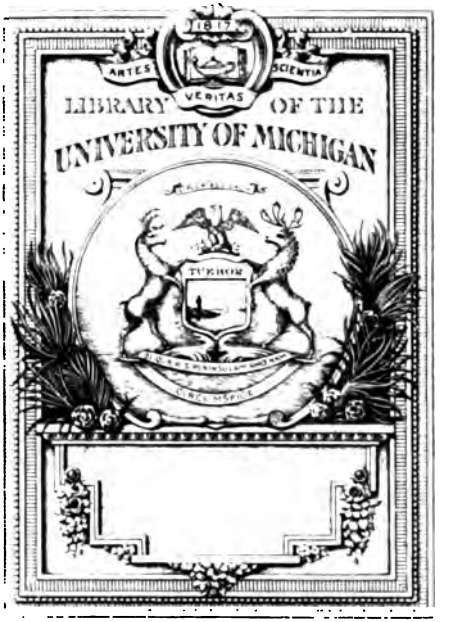
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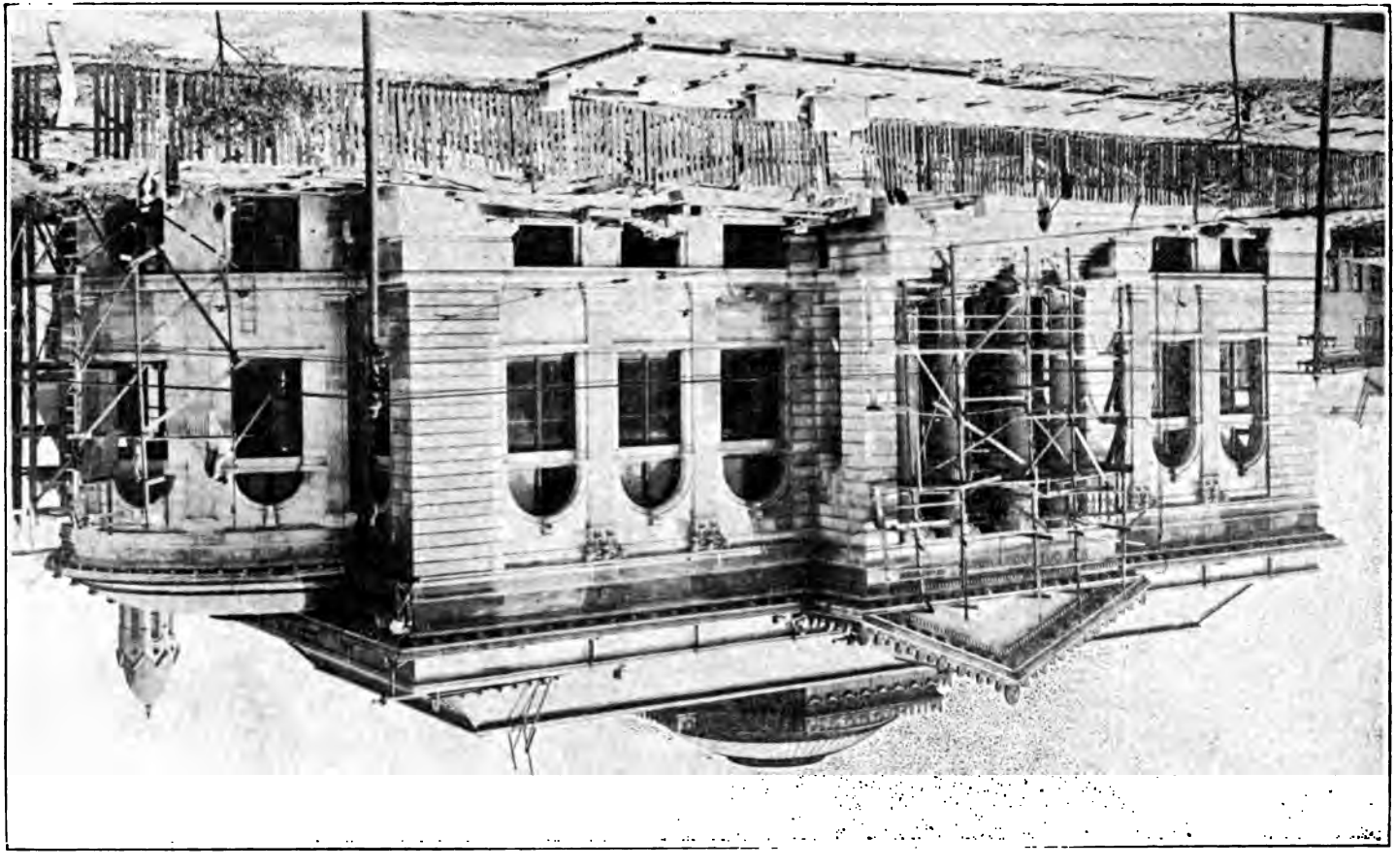
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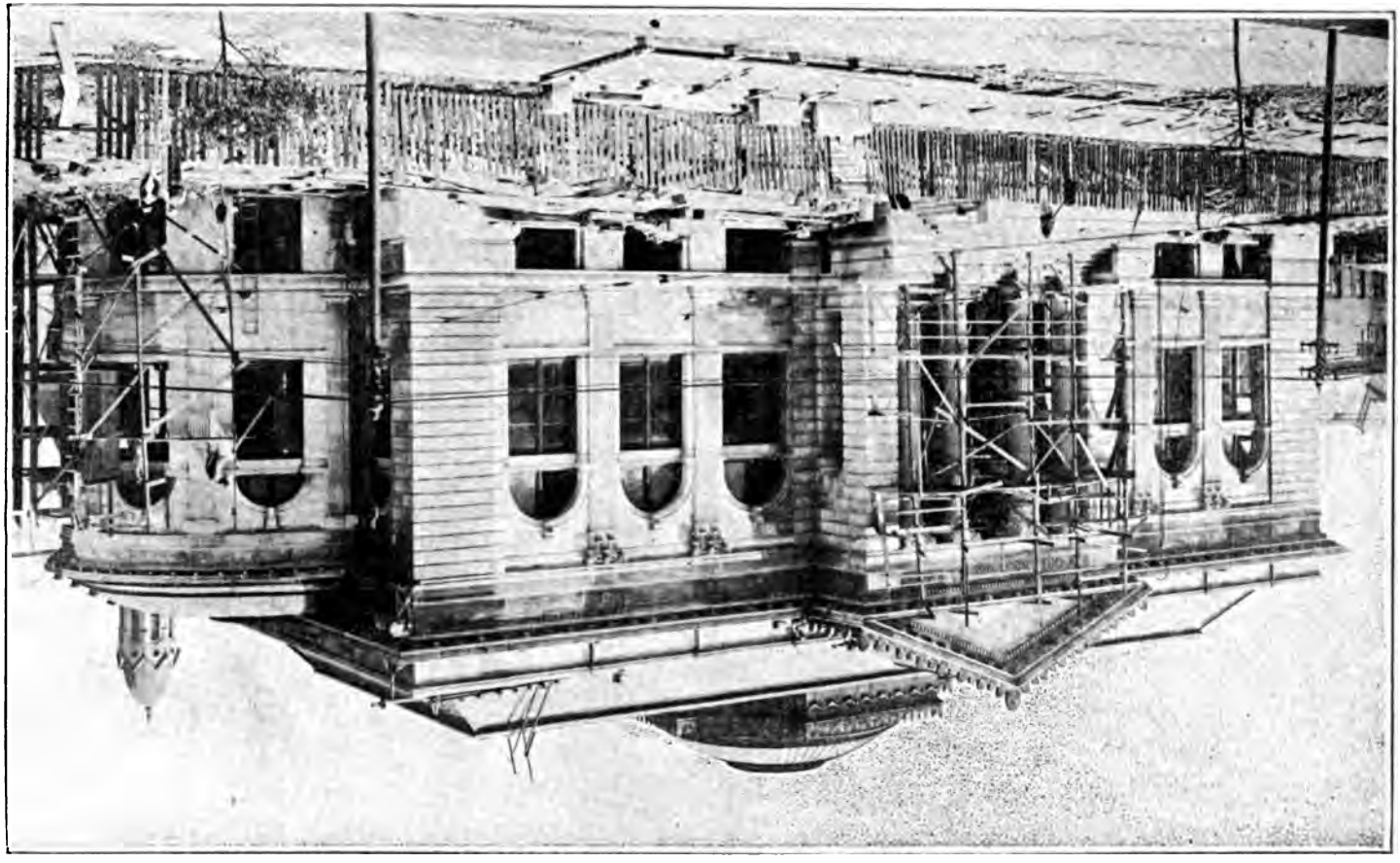
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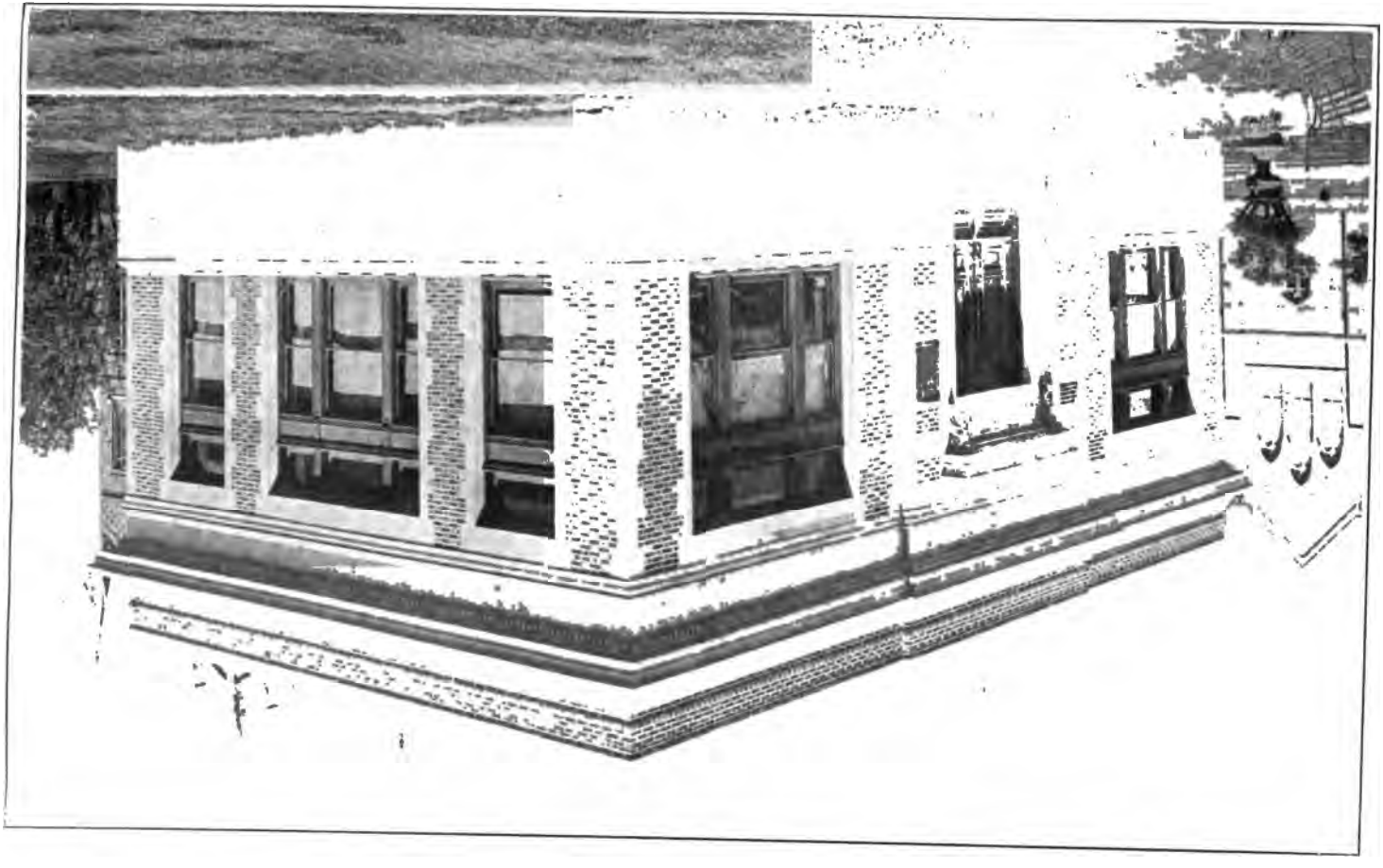


gave to the library a collection of six thousand volumes that had been made by Benjamin Franklin French. The library was put first under the management of the Mechanics Institute, then of the University of Louisiana and later of the Tulane University of Louisiana. Its librarians during this period were Prof. Holmes, Messrs. E. W. Perry, W. L. Finney, C. B. Stafford, C. G. Gill and Miss Minnie Bell.

The Lyceum Library was established by an ordinance, introduced into the council of Municipality No. 2 by Samuel J. Peters. The library was located in the City Hall, then on the southwest corner of Lafayette street, across the street from the present municipal building. In 1849 it was removed to the present City Hall building. Its first librarian was Mr. T. McConnell, who was succeeded by Messrs. R. C. Kerr, J. V. Calhoun, C. A. Ducros, C. Davisson, Miss M. Cooper and Mrs. M. C. Culbertson.

The combination of these two libraries gave to the city a collection of over thirty thousand books. These books were of a much higher standard and more scholarly character than those usually found in circulating libraries. The fostering care of the Mechanics Institute gave to the library many books that did much to preserve in our community respect for the classic in art and to perpetuate in the concrete form of our public buildings Greek precepts and standards. The books of both the Fisk and the Lyceum were selected by ripe scholars who gathered such material as a studious body of readers would enjoy and delight in; and the combined libraries provided, for its size, one of the most complete collections of the classics of all languages and all times that existed in this country.

The members of the first board appointed to manage the library were Messrs. F. T. Howard, Albert Baldwin, Jr., P.



A. Lelong, F. G. Ernst, E. B. Kruttschnitt, G. W. Flynn and S. H. March. Mr. F. T. Howard was elected the first president of the Board, with Mr. E. B. Kruttschnitt vice-president, Mr. G. W. Flynn secretary and Mr. P. A. Lelong treasurer. Mr. Howard resigned the presidency of the board in March, 1904, and was succeeded by Prof. J. H. Dillard. On the death of Mr. Kruttschnitt, Mr. John Fitzpatrick was made vice-president. Mr. Flynn resigned the secretaryship to be succeeded by Mr. Ernst who died in May, 1905, and Mr. Lelong was made secretary and treasurer. The number of vacancies on the board was still further increased by the resignation of Mr. March. The members of the board who have become such through virtue of their office as Mayor or retiring Mayor are Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. C. Flower, Mr. Paul Capdevielle and Mr. Martin Behrman. The members who have been elected to fill vacancies are, besides those already named, Mr. Adolph Katz, Mr. C. F. Claiborne and Mr. J. H. DeGrange.

The Board met and began the work of organization in December, 1896.

Mr. William Beer was appointed Chief Clerk and acted as librarian until May, 1906 when he resigned. Mr. H. M. Gill was appointed librarian in June, 1906 and assumed his duties on the 15th of the same month.

The library was regularly organized and the reading room was opened to the public in January, 1897. Fiction was ready for circulation about the middle of March of the same year, but it was not until the year 1900 that the library was ready to circulate, in any considerable numbers, works of non-fiction.

The sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars was appropriated to defray the initial expenses of organization, equipment and the purchase of fiction and children's books. Up to the year 1906 the total revenues for maintenance never exceeded in any

one year the sum of eighteen thousand dollars. In October, 1902, the donation by the Simon Hernsheim heirs of fifty thousand dollars became available. Of this money, ten thousand dollars could be used for the purchase of books and the balance was to constitute a fund, the interest only of which could be used to buy books. In 1907, under the agreement between the city and Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the revenues of the library were increased to twenty-five thousand dollars.

In 1905 the federal government purchased the site that our library occupied, and in November, 1906, demanded possession of its property. The transfer of the library from its old roomy quarters to its present temporary domicile at 1115 Prytania Street was effected with the creditable record of having moved about seventy thousand volumes without interrupting the free use of the books for more than four days. The conversion of a private residence into a library building proved a difficult problem; it also cost a considerable sum of money. The supervision of this work practically monopolized the time of the librarian for two months.

I have deemed it proper to thus review in brief outline the history of the library in the present report, as, in this year, the library really experienced a new birth.

The generous gift of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars by Mr. Carnegie to our library has enabled us to so enlarge its scope and extend the field of its usefulness, to so increase its dignity and importance in the eyes of our people that, from now on, it will be recognized as a worthy handmaid to our excellent public school system. The City Council has expressed to the liberal donor the thanks of the community and the library board has engrossed upon its minutes its grateful appreciation of that generous act. It is not out of place, however, to put here on permanent and public

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record the recognition of the noble philanthropy of all of the donors, Abijah and Alvarez Fisk, the Hernsheims and Carnegie. I can find no words of greater dignity and eloquence to express these sentiments than those employed by Mayor Crossman in accepting the gift of Mr. Fisk:

"It devolves on me to tender, through your channel, to Mr. Alvarez Fisk, in behalf of the Councils and of the citizens of New Orleans, their grateful acknowledgements for this truly munificient gift. In accomplishing the task, I feel the utmost pleasure and gratification, from the circumstance that no tribute of gratitude and admiration can be found too great to be awarded to the liberal and public-spirited citizen who has thus endowed our city with an extensive collection of useful and scientific books. Mr. Fisk has very justly felt that a public library, accessible to all, had become necessary in this market place of trade, where the votaries of traffic are prone to be engrossed by naught but the pursuits of sordid interests. He has felt, too, that a few hours snatched from the bustle and from the dusty path of commerce would have the beneficial tendency of awakening, in many, a noble and high ambition of intellectual improvement. To him will our youths be indebted for the means of developing their mental faculties otherwise doomed, perhaps, to lie dormant in obscurity and oblivion, for want of proper cultivation and nourishment.

"We hear ever and anon of great and extraordinary public services which call forth the admiration of the multitude, but in my humble conception, he deserves the very highest encomiums, and has more solid claims than all others, to the gratitude and veneration of his fellow-creatures, who, with a generous hand, distributes the wealth for which he has toiled through life, to let flow in abundant streams among all classes of society, the fountain of science and of learning. The names of

Messieurs Abijah and Alvarez Fisk will long live in the hearts of their fellow-citizens as public benefactors."

We should read into this expression of gratitude not only the names of the other individual donors, besides the Fisks but should also include our City Council, that in response to the earnest appeals of Mayor Behrman gave to the library for its new buildings, sites valued at about Eighty Thousand Dollars and agreed to provide the increased cost of maintenance.

Although the revenues of the libary have been substantially increased this year, the amount at our disposal for maintenance is still far below what is allowed the libraries of other cities. In 1906 Buffalo, with an estimated population of 381,-819 gave for the support of its library $78,308; San Francisco with a population of 364,677 gave $75,491; Pittsburg with a population of 375,082 gave $200,000; Detroit with a population of 353,535 gave $61,475; Cincinnati with a population of 345,230 gave $134,163; Milwaukee with a population of 317,-903 gave $61,202; Newark (New Jersey) with a population of 289,634 gave $54,423; Louisville with a population of 226,129 gave $42,913. These appropriations do not include revenues received from other sources by the libraries. Our Council will, therefore, have to increase our appropriation considerably to place our library on a parity with the libraries of other cities of about the same population.

CIRCULATION.

The location of our building seems to be an ideal one for circulation, but the space is so cramped as to render the operation of the library exceedingly difficult. Instead of our former twenty-eight foot delivery counter in the circulating room we have a ten-foot desk, and while, in the old building there was room for two hundred waiting borrowers, now twenty-five un-

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comfortably crowd their allotted portion of the building. This same condition of affairs extends, of course, to every other department of the library and hampers us greatly in our work. In spite of these and many other disadvantages that we will have to labor under until the new building is finished, we have practically circulated the same number of books as we did the year prior to moving. It is very gratifying, on the contrary, to find that the circulation of non-fiction has increased nearly twenty per cent. over the number circulated last year.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference library that was established last year has received considerable additions and now includes slightly over fifteen hundred volumes. There is, in addition to these, a set of three thousand bound magazines that properly constitute a part of every general reference collection. The character of our building precludes all possibility of placing them with the rest of the reference books, but they are readily to be had on application of the reader.

NORMAL REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

After a conference with the teachers of the Public Normal School, I selected and set aside for the special use of the students of that institution a reference library on pedagogy and such other books as their teachers recommend for study in addition to the text-books of the regular curriculum. Duplicates of these works are kept for circulation, in some instances as many as six or eight copies are provided.

CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT.

Our library is wholly without a catalogue of any kind. Even the stock of finding lists, now published in nine separates, is about exhausted.

The accessioning, classifying, and shelf-listing is all done by two ladies with such occasional and irregular assistance that a third assistant working in the circulating department can give them. During the year we accessioned 12,148 books.

There were 58 lost books replaced by the borrowers.

All the work of purchasing branch books and preparing them for the shelves is done at the central library.

BINDING.

The reference set of magazines was increased by the binding of 259 volumes. The number of miscellaneous books rebound was 1,443.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT.

The mending department does all labeling, plating, etc., as well as simple repair work. Their report shows 344 books sewed and 6,000 mended. There were 700 books discarded.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

All borrowers both from the central library and the branches are registered at the central library. The system employed by us requires both a numbered register book and a card register, in which are filed the borrower's application and the guarantor's card of endorsement.

The borrower is permitted to draw books at the same time from the central library and from one of the branches; in the statistics of the department his application for both priv-

ileges is counted, however, as one registration. The borrower is required to register only every other year. The number of borrowers registered in 1907 was 3,634. The number of borrowers registered since the opening of the library is 38,972.

MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

The library receives, through subscription or gift, 214 magazines and 37 newspapers. All of the local papers that are received are gifts. These figures do not include the government publications nor bulletins and reports of other libraries.

I have continued the policy, begun by me last year, of placing all periodicals on racks where patrons may freely choose those they wish to read. The result of this change has been that the magazine room is taxed to its utmost capacity, and there is hardly an afternoon or evening that readers are not turned away.

UNITED STATES AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

Ours is one of the depository libraries for government documents. Our collection of these documents is an unusually good one and is especially rich in the earlier publications. We receive in addition to the "sheep set" many of the publications of the several departments and commissions. The publications of the Smithsonian Institution form a particularly valuable part of this collection.

We are also one of the few depositaries of the complete card catalogue issued by the Library of Congress.

In June I began the systematic collection of the reports and general publications of Louisiana State and municipal offices and boards of *quasi* public bodies, commercial exchanges, etc. Our collection now includes about 200 bound volumes and 1,000 pamphlets. I hope, in the course of time, to develop this

A vacation of two weeks with full pay is granted each assistant.

BRANCHES.

With the beginning of the year 1908 all three of our branches were in operation. The sites for these buildings were furnished by the city and are worth approximately Fifteen Thousand Dollars. The buildings were constructed at a cost of about Fifty Thousand Dollars, which was taken from the Carnegie donation. The equipment was paid for from the general fund of the library.

The library board also appropriated for the purchase of books the sum of ten thousand dollars. The total cost of the several branches including sites, buildings, equipment and books has been: Royal Branch, $25,811; Algiers Branch, $26,080; Napoleon Branch, $26,560.

The central library gave to the branches about fifteen hundred books; the branches are therefore almost entirely provided with new books.

The book capacity of the Royal Branch is six thousand; it now contains 4,450 volumes. The capacity of the Algiers Branch is also six thousand and it has been assigned 3,826 volumes. Not more than five thousand books can be placed in the Napoleon Branch, and so far I have placed in it 3,519 volumes.

In the branch libraries I have adopted the open shelf system, and for circulation the Brown charging system. At the branches, as well as at the Central library, the borrower is not troubled with the care of his card.

The selection of sites for the branches was in every case a happy one. Royal Branch is on the edge of an exceedingly busy commercial and shopping section and directly opposite a pretty public square. The location is certain to guarantee a liberal use of the library. Its circulation will, I believe, in a

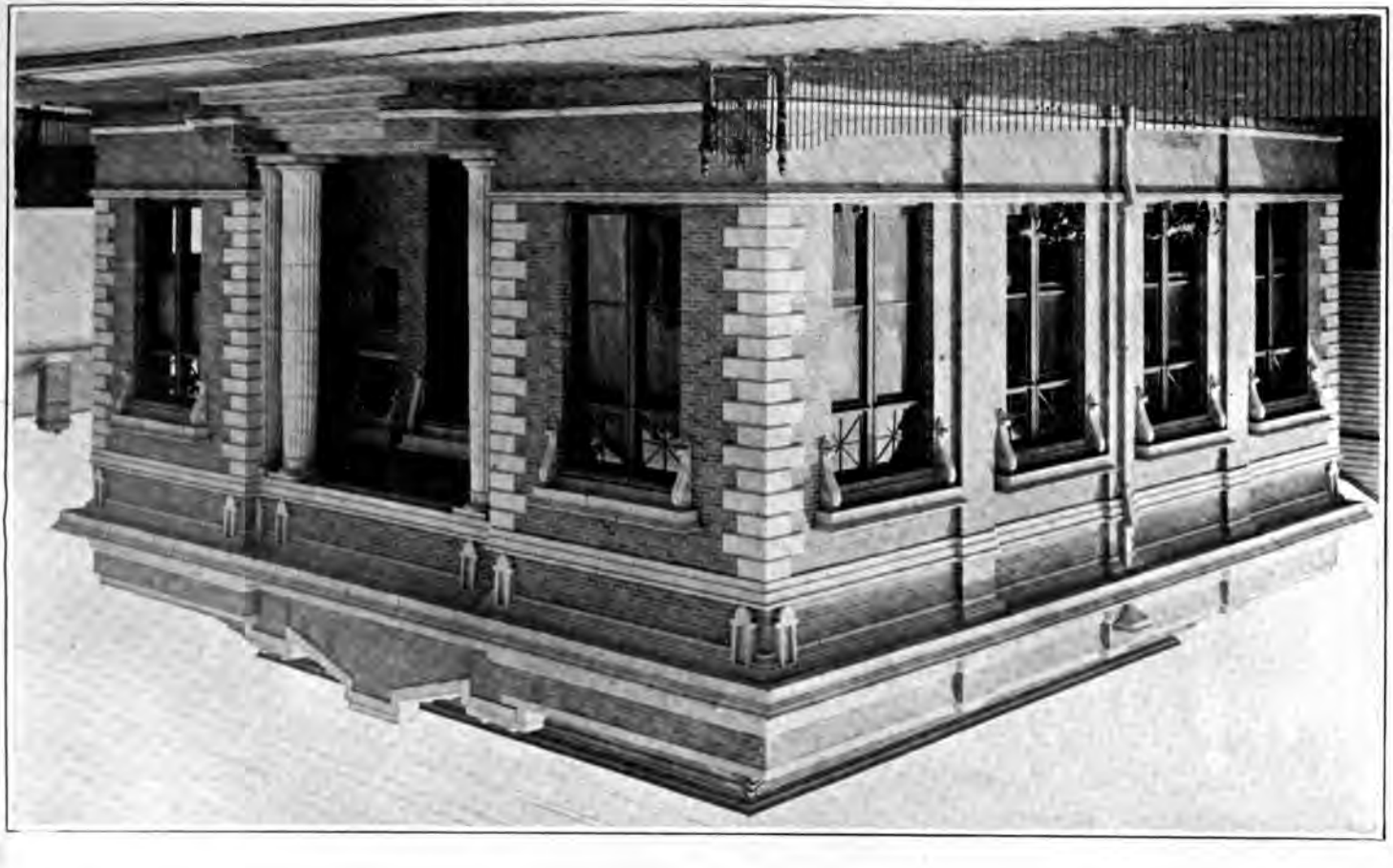
few years tax its resources to their fullest extent. Napoleon Branch, at almost the other end of town, has been located in a neighborhood exactly similar to the "downtown library." The Algiers Branch is built at the intersection of two of the principal avenues of that part of the city, it is just across the street from a large school and only four squares distant from another.

In the branches particular attention will be paid to the children. A large per cent. of the books provided is for their use, tables and chairs especially designed for the little ones have been placed in each building, picture bulletins are liberally employed to stimulate the desire to read and to direct their reading in certain channels. I intend at once to institute the practice of story telling to children and have every reason to believe that the story hour will result in much good to the young readers in our libraries.

With the opening of the branches a much greater public interest in the library seems to have been aroused. The reports for the first month of the year 1908 show that our circulation in the central library has increased one thousand four hundred per month, and this with the number of books distributed by the branches, will double our circulation, raising it from one to two hundred thousand a year.

The tables annexed to this report will show in detail the number and character of books accessioned and circulated during the year; the number of registrations; the donations; the money received by the librarian from fines, the sale of finding lists and the sale of waste paper; the receipts and the expenditures of the library.

It is the belief of the American people that all men are common inheritors of nature's gift of mind and heart; that the sentiment of truth, justice, love and beauty lies latent in every



breast; that the common judgment in taste, politics and religion is the nearest possible approach in man's fallibility, to a correct and final decision. We must therefore conclude that the only just government is that which finds its origin in the will of the people and that trusts its guidance to the reason, reflection and free expression of the deliberate choice of that people. The status of such a government must depend upon the intelligence and morality of the entire community. It is our belief that progress can be made and that the advancement of civilization is possible only through the culture of the moral and intellectual powers of the people at large. One of the most remarkable features of our system of government is the startling perspicacity of vision with which its founders perceived that the progress of civilization could be determined by the development of the average intelligence and the resulting provision in every state that the public should assume the responsibility of the development of the intellectual and moral powers of every citizen. Time has borne out these sages in their conclusions. Year by year education, and education of the masses can be achieved only through the state, has become the overwhelmingly dominant force in the world. In fact, President Eliot of Harvard recently expressed it as his deliberate opinion that education was the only one of the "organized, inspiriting and moralizing forces in American society that has gained strength and increased its influence during the past fifty years." In recognition of this belief thousands are everywhere engaged in the noble and ennobling work of taking minds dwarfed and deformed through lack of development, innured to habits belonging to a low stage of mental life, their faculties immured in dungeons of darkness, and bringing them to realize themselves as living souls responding to a cultivated intelligence. This work is done, naturally chiefly through the public schools. The

public library also labors with this same noble purpose and it labors often in a field of usefulness that the school can not reach. It is, indeed, second only to the church and the school in strengthening the mind and character of our fellow men, in exalting their reason and ennobling their heart.

Together with some members of the staff, I have assumed, during the past year, a burden of work that is rarely borne by a library corps. We have performed these duties cheerfully and faithfully; we have toiled zealously and unremittingly and the results of our labors are unmistakably apparent. Assured by the firm belief that this work will bear fruit in the near future for our community, I submit this report with a sense of satisfaction, pride and hopefulness.

I respectfully submit this as my report for the year 1907.

HENRY M. GILL,
LIBRARIAN.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10th, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund, balance from 1906	$12,869	13
S. Hernsheim Fund, balance from 1906	2,206	30
Depositors Fund, balance from 1906	266	00
City of New Orleans Appropriation	21,170	08
Interest on Deposits, Interstate T. & B. Co.	241	78
Fines aad Catalogues	1,208	42
Bourbon Street property, Rents	2,705	01
Rent for fence around Central Library	642	00
Sale of Waste Paper	10	49
HERNSHEIM FUND,		
Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480	00
Coupons, New Orleans City & Lake R. R.	350	00
Total Receipts	$43,149	21

EXPENDITURES.

By Books, S. Hernsheim Fund	3,953	64
Books, General Fund	8,107	10
Periodicals	885	38
Binding	825	17
Insurance, 1115 Prytania St., 625 Commerce St., Bourbon St., property, Royal and Algiers Branch	542	33
Lighting	995	43
Fuel	73	00
Printing and Stationery	462	72
Repairs, Bourbon Street property	228	00
Rent, Library, 1115 Prytania Street	1,650	00
Salaries	12,415	00

SUNDRIES, as follows:	
Electrical Fixtures, etc., 1115 Prytania Street,	1,073 53
Furnishing, etc	324 35
Telephone service	81 60
Night Watchman	55 00
Expense for laying Corner Stone, Central Library	115 00
Petty Cash for Librarian	100 00
Miscellaneous items	1,911 86
ROYAL BRANCH.	
Watchman	55 00
Gardener	12 00
Fuel	19 00
Furniture and Fixtures	99 42
Salaries, (one month)	130 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	107 55
ALGIERS BRANCH.	
Furniture and Fixtures	374 19
Gardener	182 00
Printing	11 75
Miscellaneous Expenses	58 93
NAPOLEON BRANCH.	
To Sewerage and Water Board for connection to sewer	150 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	25 24
Total Expenditures	$35,024 19
Balance in Interstate Trust and Banking Co	4,496 45
Balance in New Orleans National Bank, (General Fund)	3,545 91
Balance in New Orleans National Bank, (Hernsheim Fund)	82 66
	$43,149 21

P. A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
New Orleans Public Library.

New Orleans, January 10th, 1908.

LIST OF READERS CARDS ISSUED.

TABLE 1.

	Guarantee	Deposits	Total 1907	Total 1906
January	245	21	266	255
February	203	19	222	269
March	209	21	230	344
April	256	5	261	242
May	258	11	269	276
June	186	8	194	285
July	238	10	248	413
August	273	11	284	355
September	205	7	212	339
October	452	20	472	353
November	448	12	460	255
December	499	17	516	253
Total	3472	162	3634	3639

ACCESSIONS.

TABLE 2.

	Purchased	Lyceum Library	Gifts	Re-Placed	Binding	Total 1907	Total 1906
January	187	24	7			218	105
February	254		19		23	296	130
March.....	207		11	5		223	103
April	248	32	8		23	311	342
May	158		8		6	172	240
June.....	194		2		55	251	80
July.....	578		49		14	641	288
August.....	2108				54	2162	93
September....	825				9	834	254
October	1117	4	15	30	23	1189	237
November	2804		2	4	35	2845	139
December.....	2965		5	19	17	3006	113
Total,	11645	60	126	58	259	12148	2124

83 books were donated but not accessioned.

Classification of Books Accessioned.

TABLE 3.

	In 1907	In 1906
General Works	370	173
Philosophy	74	31
Religion	161	34
Sociology	817	135
Philology	63	13
Natural Science	365	39
Useful Arts	399	87
Fine Arts	266	25
Literature	909	144
Travel	439	
Biography	539	
History	820	290
Fiction	6926	1153
Total	12148	2124

CIRCULATION OF FICTION.

TABLE 4.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total 1907	Total 1906
	6309.	5438.	6323.	6878.	7167.	6435.	6609.	6570.	6382.	6235.	6027.	5762.	76,135	81,059
American Origin..	3919	3301	3971	4374	4428	4014	4122	3960	3805	3677	3571	3553	46,695	48,280
English Origin ...	1709	1566	1710	1781	1972	1767	1806	1924	1944	2012	1887	1723	21,801	22,814
German Origin....	156	122	143	159	151	171	176	180	173	102	140	107	1,780	2,342
French Origin	459	377	402	465	526	401	437	423	381	380	377	336	4,964	6,895
Italian Origin.....	20	20	24	24	21	25	25	33	32	24	21	26	295	127
Spanish Origin ...	12	13	9	17	10	10	11	4	2	10	8	9	115	218
Minor Languages.	34	39	64	58	59	47	32	46	45	30	23	8	485	383

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION.

TABLE 5.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total 1907	Total 1906
	1850	1676	1867	1911	1901	1538	1423	1434	1515	1907	1922	2237	21,181	17,690
General Works	214	255	267	262	195	181	237	220	213	241	205	306	2,796	4,184
Philosophy	45	33	38	58	64	21	36	39	57	68	56	61	576	661
Religion	69	76	60	49	37	42	33	27	66	51	69	89	668	616
Sociology	173	179	182	231	242	183	188	165	181	216	251	293	2,484	1,395
Philology	46	49	71	106	86	63	46	35	52	50	46	39	689	183
Natural Science	113	99	117	75	98	106	65	62	122	141	85	170	1,253	746
Useful Arts	99	101	102	85	130	144	98	103	130	140	106	116	1,354	987
Fine Arts	75	51	69	94	100	74	106	98	81	72	82	92	994	811
Literature	475	428	599	550	498	371	340	346	296	454	549	596	5,502	3,830
History, Travel and Biography	541	405	362	401	451	353	274	339	317	474	473	475	4,865	4,277

Money Received from Fines and Catalogues.

TABLE 6.

January	$ 86 95
February	77 63
March	81 08
April	81 46
May	75 89
June	82 05
July	82 39
August	152 05
September	183 26
October	112 92
November	87 47
December	105 27
Total	$1,208 42

In addition to the above amount the sum of $10.49 from the sale of waste paper was sent to the Treasurer.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS

—IN—

Reading, Reference and Newspaper Rooms.

TABLE 7.

	WEEK DAYS		SUNDAYS		Total
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	
January	2757	2184	193	203	5337
February	2515	2198	180	211	5104
March	2355	1755	231	235	4576
April	2573	1359	162	120	4214
May	2445	952	124	65	3586
June	2147	1073	122	69	3411
July	1023	934	74	51	2082
August	1862	1060	79	70	3071
September	906	917	98	115	2036
October,	2206	1356	93	96	3751
November	2351	2184	112	148	4795
December	2910	2544	157	188	5799
Totals,	26050	18516	1625	1571	47762

Newspapers and Magazines

RECEIVED BY THE

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NEWSPAPERS.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Atlanta Constitution
Baltimore Sun
Boston Transcript
Charleston News and Courier
Chicago Daily Tribune
Cincinnati Enquirer
Courrier des Estats-Unis
Denver Rocky Mountain News
Galveston Daily News
Kolnische Zeitung
London Daily Telegraph
Los Angeles Examiner
Louisville Courier Journal
Memphis Commercial Appeal
Minneapolis Tribune
Mobile Register
New York Herald
New York Times
Paris Figaro
Philadelphia Public Ledger
Portland Oregonian
Richmond Times Dispatch
St. Louis Republic
San Francisco Call
Springfield Daily Republican
Washington Post

GIFTS.

Albuquerque Journal
Daily Item
Daily Picayune
Daily States
Italo Americano
Jewish Ledger
Jewish Tribune
Mississippi Blatter
Morning Star
New Orleans Bee
New Orleans Morning World
Southwestern Presbyterian
Times-Democrat.

MAGAZINES.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Ainslee's Magazine
American Architect and Building News
American Boy
American Federationist
American Homes and Gardens
American Inventor
American Library Association Book List
American Machinist
American Magazine
American Photography
American Pottery Gazette
American Primary Teacher
American School Board Journal
Annals of American Academy
Appleton's Magazine
Architect and Builders Magazine
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Arena
Athenaeum
Atlantic Monthly
Biblical World
Bird-Lore
Blackwood's Magazine
Black and White
Blacksmith and Wheelwright
Bookman
Book News
Book Review Digest
Brickbuilder and Architectural Monthly
Business World
Canadian Magazine
Carnegie Library Bulletin of Pittsburg

Cassell's Little Folks
Cassier's Magazine
Catholic World
Century
Chamber's Journal
Charities and the Commons
Chautauquan
Circle
Collier's Weekly
Confederate Veteran
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Cosmopolitan
Cotton
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Cumulative Book Index
Current Literature
Delineator
Deutsche Rundschau
Dial
Donahoe's Magazine
Dramatic Mirror
Edinburgh Review
Education
Educational Foundation
Educational Review
Electrical Review
Electrical World
Engineer (American)
Engineering Magazine
Engineering News
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering Record
English Illustrated Magazine
Etude
Everybody's Magazine
Field and Stream

Fliegende Blatter
Forest and Stream
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Foundry
Gartenlaube
Good Housekeeping
Graphic
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Health Culture
House Beautiful
Ice and Refrigeration
Illustracion Espanola
Illustrated London News
Illustration
Illustratione Italiana
Illustrierte Zeitung
Independent
International Marine Engineering
Je Sais Tout
Johns Hopkins University Studies
Judge
Kindergarten Primary Magazine
Kindergarten Review
Knowledge
Ladies Home Journal
Lectures Pour Tous
Leslie's Weekly
Library Index
Library Journal
Life
Lippincott's
Literary Digest
Little Folks
Lyceumite & Talent
McClure's Magazine

Manual Training Magazine
Manufacturers' Record
Masters in Art.
Medical Brief
Metal Industry
Metal Worker
Missionary Review
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey's Magazine
Musical Courier
Musician
Nation
National Geographic Magazine
National Home Journal
Nautical Gazette
New England Magazine
New York Teachers Monograph
Nineteenth Century and After
North American Review
Open Court
Outing
Outlook (American)
Outlook (English)
Out West
Overland Monthly
Pacific Monthly
Pall Mall
Pearson's Magazine
Pernin's Stenographer
Photographic Times and Bulletin
Physical Culture
Pittman's Journal
Poet-Lore
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science Monthly
Primary Education

Proceedings of American Institute of Electrical Engineers
Public
Public Libraries
Publishers Weekly
Puck
Putnam's Monthly
Quarterly Review
Readers Guide to Periodical Literature
Review of Reviews (American)
Revue Bleue
Revue des Deux Mondes
Revue Scientifique
Royal Magazine
Rudder
Saint Nicholas
Saturday Evening Post
School Review
School World
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Scribner's Magazine
Selected List of Public Documents
Single Tax Review
South Atlantic Quarterly
Southern Lumberman
Southwestern Presbyterian
Strand
Success
Teachers Magazine
Technical World
Textile World and Record
Theatre
Uber Land und Meer
Vie Illustrée
Violin World
Vogue

Western Electrician
Westminster Review
Wide World Magazine
Woodworker
Windsor Magazine
Woman at Home
Woman's Home Companion
World To-day
World's Work
Youth's Companion

GIFTS.

Annals of the Propagation of Faith
Art Student
Association Men
Association Review
Billboard
Board of Trade Journal (Scranton)
Brain
Chicago Banker
Caledonian
Christian Science Journal
Christian Science Sentinel
Cotton Journal
Cuba Review and Bulletin
Exponent
Herald of the Cross
Herald of the Golden Age
Journal of Zoöphily
Ladies Review
L'Athenée Louisianais
Louisiana Planter
Matilda Zeigler
New Orleans Lumber and Trade Journal
New Century Path
Neue Deutsche Zeitung
Pacific and Northwest

Revista Commercial Americana
Shoppell
Show World
Southern Farm Gazette
Southern Buck
Southern Lutheran
Sugar Planters Journal
Sunset
Times Magazine
Trade Index
Tulane Weekly
Tulanian
Vegetarian
Woman's Journal

DONORS.

BOUND VOLUMES.

Abbott, F. R.	1
American Historical Society	1
Atlas Portland Cement Co.	3
Balch, T. W.	1
Bamberger, Mrs. L.	2
Bernier, Edward	1
Black, E. S.	1
Brown, Mrs. W. P.	1
Canada Department of Agriculture	1
Carter, executors of J. C. Carter	1
City of Paris	1
Craighead, Dr. E. B.	1
Crane, Mrs. C. R. & Freeman, J. R.	1
Crawford, Miss May	14
De Benneville, J. S.	1
De Lavergne, J. H.	1
Duke, H. S.	1
Grand Lodge of Louisiana Free & Accepted Masons	1
Gelpi, Paul	1
Harris, H. W.	6
Harvard University	1
Harvey, Mrs. C. C.	41
Illinois State Historical Society	2
Kennard, J. S.	1
Kenny Directory Co.	1

La. Attorney General 3
La. State Board of Agriculture and Immigration 5
La. State Board of Health 6
La. State Experiment Station 2
La. State Library 2
La. State Penitentiary, Board of Control 2
La. Secretary of State 2
La. State Superintendent of Public Education 4
McEnery, Hon. S. D. 82
Molee, Elias 1
Montana State Library 1
National Slavonic Society of U. S. 1
New Orleans Board of Commissioners, Port of N. O. 1
New Orleans Board of Marine Surveyors 1
New Orleans City Comptroller 2
New Orleans Superintendent of Public Schools 4
New York City Department of Education 1
Province of Ontario 1
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y. 1
Railroad Commission 10
Rochelle, M. A. 4
Rosengarten, J. G. 1
Ruch, Mrs. H. B. 1
Seymour, W. H. 5
Simmons, Miss L. T. 4
Smithsonian Institution 8
Speed, J. B. 1
Stanton, G. S. 1
Textile World Record 1
United States Dept. of Agriculture 2
United States Dept. of Commerce and Labor 44
United States Dept. of Interior 2

United States Congress 151
United States Interstate Commerce Commission 1
United States State Department 3
United States Treasury 55
United States War Department 5
Weiss, Walter 2
West, Mrs. M. 2
Anonymous 11

Total 523

BULLETINS, PAMPHLETS AND REPORTS.

American Anti-Vicisection Society 1
American Institute of Social Service 11
American National Red Cross 4
American Republics Bureau 4
American Library Association 1
Atlanta Carnegie Library 1
Audubon Park 2
Baltimore Sun 1
Beyer, Allison Kopman 1
Boletin del Archivo Nacionale 6
Boston Port & Seaman's Aid Society 1
Boston Public Library 13
Braddock Carnegie Free Library & Carnegie Club 1
Brass Association Convention 1
Brooklyn Public Library 8
Bollettino Ufficiale del Ministero d'Agricultura Industria e Commercio 36

Brown University	1
Buffalo Public Library	1
Covington, La., M. C. B. Circulating Library	1
Charity Hospital, Board of Administrators	10
Chicago Public Library	1
Cleveland Public Library	1
Cleveland Educational Commission	1
Commercial Law League of America	9
City of Hartford	1
Cornell University	1
Dartmouth College	1
Denver Public Library	6
District of Columbia Public Library	10
Drexel Institute	1
Detroit Public Library	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library	1
Erie Public Library	1
Evanston Public Library	1
Federation of American Zionists	4
Georgia Library	1
Grand Rapids Public Library	1
Haverhill Public Library	3
Illinois State Historical Library	1
Jersey City Free Public Library	5
Joliet Public Library	1
Kansas City Public Library	1
John B. Stetson University	1
Lafayette La. Southwestern La. Industrial Institute	2
Lake Mohonk Conference	1
Library of Congress	126
Little Chronicle	1
Louisville Free Public Library	1

Louisiana Adjutant General..... 1
Louisiana Attorney General..... 3
Louisiana Auditor of Public Accounts..... 5
Louisiana Board of Commissioners, 5th Levee District.. 25
Louisiana Board of State Engineers..... 5
Louisiana Board of Control, State Penitentiary..... 1
Louisiana Gulf Biologic Station..... 2
Louisiana Bar Association 9
Louisiana Congregational Association 1
Louisiana Governor 1
Louisiana Insane Asylum..... 1
Louisiana Institution for the Deaf and Dumb 6
Louisiana Fire Prevention Bureau 3
Louisiana Historical Association 1
Louisiana Historical Society 4
Louisiana Live Stock Inspector..... 1
Louisiana Oyster Commission..... 2
Louisiana Register of the State Land Office..... 1
Louisiana Secretary of State..... 4
Louisiana Soldiers Home..... 4
Louisiana State Bank Examiner 1
Louisiana State Board of Agriculture & Immigration... 2
Louisiana State Board of Health 6
Louisiana State Board of Pension Commissioners..... 1
Louisiana State Fire Marshal..... 2
Louisiana State Librarian..... 20
Louisiana State Museum 8
Louisiana State Normal School 1
Louisiana State Superintendent of Public Education 1
Louisiana State University 9
Louisiana State University Experiment Station 18
Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1

Michigan College of Mines	1
Michigan Board of Public Health	2
Minnesota Public Library Commission	2
Mississippi River Commission	1
Mississippi Bar Association	1
Municipal Ownership	2
New Basin Canal & Shell Road	8
New Bedford Public Library	1
New Haven Free Public Library	6
New Jersey Library Association	1
New Jersey Public Library Commission	1
New Orleans Board of Education of Public Schools	2
New Orleans Board of Health	6
New Orleans Board of Marine Surveyors	1
New Orleans Board of Trade	5
New Orleans City Engineer	6
New Orleans City Park Improvement Association	11
New Orleans City Treasurer	2
New Orleans Civil Service Commission	4
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	14
New Orleans Fire Insurance Patrol	6
New Orleans Port Commissioners	6
New Orleans Progressive Union	3
New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board	8
New York Mercantile Library	2
New York Merchants Association	2
New York Public Library	32
Northwestern University	1
Omaha Public Library	7
Orleans Parish Medical Society	3
Osaka Library	1
Osterhout Free Library	1

Ottawa Carnegie Library 1
Pennsylvania Prison Society 1
Pennsylvania Teaching Society & Free Circulating Library for the Blind 1
People's Homestead Association of New Orleans..... 1
Peoria Public Library 1
Philadelphia Free Library..... 8
Philadelphia Teachers' Association 1
Pioneer in International Arbitration, by J. D. Rodeffer... 1
Pittsburgh Carnegie Library 16
Post Vincennes, by F. A. Meyers..... 1
Pratt Free Institute Library 8
Providence Public Library 5
Rosenberg Library, Galveston, Texas..... 2
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association 1
St. Louis Public Library 2
St. Paul Play Grounds Committee Report..... 1
Salem Public Library 13
San Antonio Public Library 1
Scranton Public Library 2
Shreveport Charity Hospital 1
Smithsonian Institution 25
Southern Educational Association 1
Southern Pacific Railroad 3
Springfield Library Association 13
Still College of Osteopathy 1
Syracuse Public Library 1
Toledo Public Library 1
Trustees of John B. Slater Fund..... 1
Tulane University 3
United States Civil Service Commission 4
United States Court of Claims 2

United States Department of Agriculture	636
United States Department of Commerce and Labor	172
United States Department of Navy	15
United States Department of State	1
United States Department of Treasury	55
United States Department of War	21
United States Government Printing Office	10
United States Department of Interior	32
United States Interstate Commerce Commission	3
United States Justice	5
United States Postoffice	2
United States President of the United States	1
University of Chicago	1
University of Chicago Press	1
University of Michigan	2
University of Tennessee Register	1
University of Texas	1
University of Vermont & State Agricultural College	
University of Virginia	5
University of Wisconsin	1
Waltham Public Library	12
Western Theological Seminary	1
Westminster Public Libraries	1
Wilmington Institute Free Library	12
Yale University	1
Total	1705

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1908.

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor of presenting to you the annual report of the New Orleans Public Library for the year 1908.

I shall mention briefly the most important features of the year's work, and direct your attention for detailed information to the reports of the Treasurer and Librarian.

Almost at the end of the year we moved into the new Central Library building that had been erected with funds donated by Mr. Carnegie.

The completion of a branch system has been one of the wisest acts of the Library Board, and the results have shown the advisability, as soon as the money is available, of considerably extending this work.

A children's library has been established, and is so popular that its monthly circulation equals the number of books in the collection.

There are now in the Library 91,795 books; of this number 8,955 were added last year. The number of readers in the Library increased from 14,762 in 1907 to 68,330 in 1908; the number of Library cards in use was doubled during the year, and the circulation increased from 97,316 to 245,559.

There are thirty-six employees of the Board, and the increasing demand on the Library will, before long, necessitate the augmenting of this force

By rigid economy in administration the Board has, with great difficulty, managed to meet its obligations; but the equipment

of three branches, the partial equipment of the central building and the enormous increase of circulation will require a far more liberal support from your body than has been necessary heretofore.

JOHN FITZPATRICK,
Acting President.

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

GENTLEMEN—In my last annual report I reviewed the history of the Library and traced its growth from its origin. My reason for so doing, as I then stated, was that the generosity of Mr. Carnegie and your honorable body had made the Library so much greater an institution as to almost change its character, and a retrospect was necessary to connect its past life with its present. The reports for the last year show with what remarkable rapidity the result of this generosity has been attained. By February all three of the branches had been opened, fully equipped, and gave promise of a satisfactory circulation. On October 26th the Central Library closed its temporary quarters and the next day began moving into its new building. We have just cause to be proud of the manner in which this move was made. Seventy-seven thousand books were moved, arranged on the shelves and made ready for circulation in six days. In spite of the rapidity with which we transferred the books, so skillfully and carefully were they handled that not a book was lost, and not a half-dozen damaged. The entire expense of moving, including the cleaning of the new building, was only two hundred and nine dollars and ten cents.

The opening of the new Library was an occasion of unusual interest. The building was brilliantly lighted, handsomely decorated, and a large audience filled the great reading-room to the doors. A platform had been built behind the delivery desk, and on it were seated the speakers, distinguished guests and the



CENTRAL LIBRARY.

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Board. President Dillard was unable to be present on account of illness in his family, and Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Vice-President of the Board, presided. Rev. Father John O'Shanahan, S. J., opened the ceremonies with prayer, and Dr. I. L. Leucht pronounced the benediction. Addresses were delivered by Hon. Martin Behrman, Mayor of the city; Messrs. John Fitzpatrick, Samuel L. Gilmore, Dr. Beverly Warner and Henry M. Gill.

The exercises were concluded with the reading of the following dispatch that had been sent to Mr. Carnegie:

"NEW ORLEANS, October 31, 1908.

"MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE,

"No. 2 East Ninety-first Street,

"New York City:

"To-day will be remembered in Louisiana by generations yet to come as the anniversary of the opening of the New Orleans Public Library, and it will not be forgotten that the institution owes its magnificent buildings to your generosity as a man and to your wisdom as a lover of mankind.

"BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NEW ORLEANS PURLIC LIBRARY."

The building was then thrown open to the public for inspection. The cost of the building was: To the contractors $194,943.70; to the architects, $9,744.95; for the furniture, $7,036; for stacks, $14,479.50; for electric fittings, $2,250; making the total cost $228,739.65.

The following description of the building has been furnished by the architects, Messrs. Diboll, Owen & Goldstein:

"The central building of the New Orleans Public Library is a building of Bedford stone, of Renaissance architecture, placed upon a high terrace facing St. Charles Avenue on its starting point at Lee Circle. It is 162 feet long and 115 feet wide, and the top of the dome 78 feet above the sidewalk. It is of fireproof construction, of steel and concrete throughout, and comprises a main story and a sixteen-foot basement. The exterior

elevation embraces an entrance portico of Corinthian columns thirty-two feet high,, and the same order is used in a pilaster treatment of the flanking walls, the order having been studied from that of the Roman temple of Mars Ultor. At the lower end of the building an Ionic apse forms a termination adjusting the plan of the building to harmonize with the irregular shape of the site. The upper end of the building is a simple and dignified Corinthian composition, with fenestration arranged with special reference to the lighting of the book-stacks within. Its entrance portico is approached by terraced ramps of stone and a flight of marble steps between buttresses supporting lighting standards of green bronze. The visible portion of the roof is of slate. The central dome and roof of the apse are of bronze. The main story contains one great vaulted hall, the arched ceiling of which springs from the capitals of twenty-two Sienna Scagliola columns and provides great panels for future frescoes. In the upper end of this room the steel and glass book-stacks are at present placed in three tiers extending up from the ground floor, and so built that two additional tiers may be added as the collection grows. The delivery desk separates the book-stacks from the rest of the great hall, which is filled with readers' tables, the apsidal end being used for the periodical-room and the spaces between the columns and the front of the building for reference alcoves. At the rear of the building on this story is placed the directors' room and the librarian's office on the axis of the main entrance, and, through its plate-glass doors, commands a view of a large part of the public space. To the right is the children's room. To the left of the librarian's office are the attendants' workrooms, served by an elevator, electrically driven and controlled, which will reach up to the tiers of the stacks. In the basement or ground floor are placed a small lecture-room, arranged with seats in tiers; the newspaper-room, conference-room, staff rest-room, public and other toilet-rooms, with tiled floors and marble wainscot. The mechanical plant and additional work-rooms complete the equipment of the building. The building has been placed well forward on the site, so as to



READING-ROOM.

provide for future extension in the rear should the institution outgrow its present accommodations, in which case the reading-room will occupy the entire present main floor, the librarian's office will become the distributing-room, and the books will be housed in a fire-proof building extending across the rear of the lot and joined to the main floor behind the directors' room, thus providing ample space for growth, as far as this growth can be foreseen at the present time."

The architects, the builder, Mr. Joseph P. O'Leary, and his superintendent, Mr. Oscar Gwynn, are to be commended for their work. They have given us a beautiful building, completed on contract time and without a charge of a single cent for extra work.

The stacks were furnished by the Library Bureau; the furniture by the George B. Meleney Company, and the electric-light fittings by the C. C. Hartwell Company.

The stacks are of the all-metal bracket type, finished in olive-green enamel. They are three tiers high, with two glass floors. The top tier has solid metal ends facing the reading-room. The present stacks can accommodate one hundred thousand books. The stacks were designed for the closed-shelf system, but, in spite of this, I have opened the top tier to the public, so that they have direct access to sixteen thousand volumes of fiction and three classes of non-fiction.

The furniture is of heavy quarter-sawed white oak of the simplest and severest design. The woodwork of the building is finished in a rich green, and the furniture matches it in color. In the reading-room the use of both oblong and round tables prevents a monotonous effect. In the large apse of the reading-room there is a sufficient space for all the magazine racks. Down the center of the room are a series of electric-light standards around which armchairs are disposed. All the tables in the children's room have their corners rounded to reduce the chance of accidents, and the chairs are of the bent Vienna pattern, light and easily moved by the children. For this room a very pretty combination of magazine rack and bulletin board was designed.

their services as story-tellers, and gave their time most willingly and generously to that work. I think it only proper to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Josephine Moore Richardson, Miss Evelyn Waldo, Miss N. R. Reeder, Miss Eleanor Payne, Miss Kate Eastman, Miss Irma Kursheedt, Miss Agatha LeBlanc, Miss L. F. Thilborger and Miss Aimée R. Davis for their kind efforts in aiding us to extend the work of the branches. Miss Dagmar Renshaw and two ladies of the staff, Miss Simmons and Miss Ducros, also volunteered to aid us in this work.

I hope to make the relations between the schools and the Library still more cordial and intimate this year, and to that end have been in correspondence with the Superintendent. Mr. Easton has agreed to permit the whole body of teachers and the High School and the Normal School pupils to come by classes to the Library and have explained to them how a library can be used, and to learn its resources.

There are in the Central Library 78,361 books; in the Royal Branch, 5,143; in the Algiers Branch, 4,208; in the Napoleon Branch, 4,083; making the total collection number 91,795.

Dr. O'Reilly, with his usual zealous energy when the public health is concerned, has arranged a system by which the City Board of Health sends us daily notices of all persons having contagious diseases. Such persons are denied the privileges of the Library until we receive official notice that their houses are disinfected. All library books that are in the borrower's possession during the period of illness are thoroughly disinfected when returned to us.

The Board employs a bookkeeper, whose books are audited four times a year by the Library Auditor. Last year a special auditor was appointed by the municipal authorities to go over the books of every city department. After examining the library accounts he congratulated the Board on the capable, careful and accurate manner in which their books were kept.

Our revenues, unfortunately, have not kept pace with our rapid growth. The revenues of last year, together with a surplus saved during our occupancy of temporary quarters, barely sufficed to meet our expenses. The City Council slightly in-

creased our appropriation for the coming year, but we are left with the problem of running four libraries on $31,000. A comparison with the libraries of eight cities whose population is nearly the same as ours will suffice to show the difficulty of our task:

Indianapolis, estimated population 240,000, received in 1908 $86,439.55, of which amount $84,639.55 was provided by the city; Louisville, estimated population 250,000, received in 1908 $71,914.58, of which amount $48,064.52 was provided by the city; Jersey City, estimated population 250,000, received in 1908 $39,741.48, of which amount $38,437.50 was provided by the city; Minneapolis, estimated population 285,000, received in 1908 $110,530.94, of which amount $98,344.24 was provided by the city; Newark, N. J., estimated population 300,000, received in 1908 $97,704, of which amount $89,596 was provided by the city; Milwaukee, estimated population 375,000, received in 1908 $90,053.10, of which amount $86,790.37 was provided by the city; Detroit, estimated population 400,000, received in 1908 $89,118.68, of which amount $81,071.40 was provided by the city; Cincinnati, estimated population 400,000, received in 1908 $154,138.69, of which amount $147,384.41 was provided by the city; New Orleans, estimated population 350,000, received in 1908 $27,052.74, of which amount $21,200 was provided by the city.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation, that had been slowly growing, is now increasing by leaps and bounds, and was last year two and a half times greater than it was during the previous year. The Library was opened in 1897, and the annual circulation since then has been: In 1897, 43,176; in 1898, 82,521; in 1899, 93,000; in 1900, 95,055; in 1901, 97,516; in 1902, 101,974; in 1903, 107,697; in 1904, 110,274; in 1905, 99,400; in 1906, 98,749; in 1907, 97,316, and 1908, 245,559.

The opening of the branches, instead of reducing the circulation of the Central Library, has had the contrary effect, and the number of books given out there has been about ten per cent.



ROYAL BRANCH

greater than the circulation of the preceding year. Most of the borrowers of the branches are persons living in the immediate vicinity of the branch who had never borrowed from the Central Library, and who probably never would have become borrowers save for the convenience of a branch in their locality. The great area that our city covers makes the branch system especially desirable here. There are two sections of the city that particularly suggest themselves as locations for branches. It is my hope that we may soon induce some of our own citizens to build these branches.

The Board submitted to the City Attorney the ordinance creating the Library, and requested his opinion as to the propriety of circulating books outside of the city. The opinion reached by the attorney was that such practice was not warranted in law.

REGISTRATION.

All borrowers, both from the Central Library and the branches, are registered at the Central Library. The system employed by us requires both a numbered register-book and a card register, in which are filed the borrower's application and the guarantor's card of endorsement. The borrower is required to register only every other year. The number of borrowers registered in 1905 was 3,541; in 1906, 3,639; in 1907, 3,634, and in 1908, 7,871. These figures show that the number of readers' cards issued during last year was more than twice the number issued in any previous year. The number of borrowers' cards in use in 1908 was 11,391.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference department, established two years ago, has not grown very rapidly, as reference books are expensive. The collection includes 5,099 volumes. Of this number, 3,423 volumes are indexed magazines. Some of these sets are incomplete. Many of the gaps were filled in during the year 1907, but last year the funds available did not warrant much being done in this direction.

In designing the building the space allotted to the reference-room was not large, and we find ourselves already cramped for room. Fortunately, this department is located just next to the stack, and we are able to use a portion of it to shelve the reference books.

The special collection of normal reference books is placed in the general reference-room. This collection, as explained in last year's report, contains a copy of practically every book recommended by the teachers of the Normal School for parallel work that should be done by the pupils of that institution. As many duplicates of each title as we can afford are kept in the general collection for circulation.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Library subscribes to one hundred and ninety-three magazines and twenty-six newspapers. We receive as gifts forty-six magazines and sixteen newspapers, making a total of two hundred and eighty-one periodicals received annually. These figures do not include Government publications, publications of boards nor the bulletins and reports of other libraries. All of the local papers that are received are gifts.

The magazines are kept in the main reading-room, and, naturally, a large percentage of the attendance there are readers of magazines.

The newspaper room is on the lower floor, with an entrance directly from the street, enabling the patrons of this department to enter and leave the room without going into any other part of the building.

The number of readers in this department in 1907 was 44,762; in 1908, 68,330. No record of readers in this department was kept prior to 1907.

UNITED STATES AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

Our library is one of the depositories for the United States Government documents. The Lyceum and Fisk Libraries had also been for a long time receiving them, and our collection is, therefore, for a young library, unusually rich in the earlier documents.



ROYAL BRANCH INTERIOR.

In June, 1907, I began the collection of the reports and general publications of Louisiana State and municipal officers, of semi-public boards, of the commercial exchanges of New Orleans and all kindred matter. At the end of six months I had two hundred bound volumes and one thousand pamphlets to show for my work. Since then it has grown more and more difficult to get the publications of past years, and it requires constant correspondence to make sure of receiving the current reports. We added this year sixty-eight bound volumes and fifty pamphlets. I know of no previous effort ever having been made to bring together this material, and, imperfect as our collection is, it is a very valuable asset of the Library.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The children's library was organized in November, when we moved into the new building. Its circulation the first month of its existence was 2,561; the circulation during December was 3,324. The collection includes no books that would be likely to be read by children more advanced than the seventh grade. I have deemed it advisable that the children of the eighth grade and the pupils of the High School should draw their books from the adult collection. Two attendants are kept constantly among the shelves of the adult collection, and are always ready to advise and assist all readers. The attendant in charge of the circulating desk has instructions to prohibit the issuing to a child of any book that would be harmful to him. In this manner, I believe that the young people will be properly protected, and, at the same time, will be encouraged to pursue the course of reading best fitted to mature their minds and lead them to a love of good reading.

There are now in the children's room 4,340 volumes.

I have found very few magazines that the children really take any interest in.

Picture bulletins have been regularly prepared, together with reading lists, and the results have been very satisfactory. Story lists have been made, and a long list of subject references used by the children in their school work has been compiled. I have come to the conclusion, in spite of the large attendance at our

story hours, that this work is only repeating the work done in the schools, and the time and energy could better be expended in some other direction.

CATALOGUE AND ACCESSION DEPARTMENT.

This department has accomplished much during the year. One of the ladies was away on a leave of absence, leaving, except for the last two months, only one assistant, with such aid as could be occasionally spared from the circulating department, to do the required work. With this inadequate force 8,955 books were accessioned; 16,000 books were shelf-listed, book-pocketed and provided with book-cards, and the fiction shelves were read for the first time in the eleven years of the Library's existence.

In the earlier years of the Library's life a policy had been followed by which, when several copies of a title were purchased, they were put under different classifications; considerable time was given last year to revision and making uniform our classification.

Several thousand books that had been entered as anonymous were looked up and entered under their proper author's name.

The reference and children's collections were reclassified.

The cataloguing department of the Central Library not only handles all books for the main collection, but does all the technical library work for the branch collections.

A classified finding list on cards has been prepared of all books purchased since the printing of our last finding list.

The increased circulation of the past year necessitated the discarding of a large number of books; 1,510 were worn out and discarded; 63 were lost, but of this number 43 were paid for by the persons who lost them. The gifts amounted to 263 bound volumes and 1,803 pamphlets. Acknowledgment of these is made in another part of this report.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

The number of books rebound was 1,606. The use of half-leather for binding fiction has not only improved the appearance of the shelves, but has so prolonged the life of the books



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that in the end it is much cheaper than cloth. In addition to the above books, 299 magazines were bound and added to the reference collection.

The mending department does all labeling and mending. Though we are without any equipment for this work, many books are practically rebound by our staff. The report of the head of this department shows 908 books sewed and reset in covers and 6,534 mended.

STAFF.

At the beginning of the year six members of the staff who had been trained at the Central Library were sent to the branches. This necessitated the employment of ladies who had never had any preparation for library work. Later on three ladies resigned, and were replaced by assistants to whom the work was something entirely new. Our work had become so heavy that it was impossible for me to establish a school and have these ladies taught, as I did the year before. It has been exceedingly difficult, under these conditions, to give proper library service. The new members of the staff are, however, learning by observation and experience, and in a few months will no doubt feel at home in their work.

When we moved into the new building the faithfulness and energy of the entire staff were the chief reasons for the short time required for the move and for the rapidity with which the books were placed on the shelves and made ready for circulation.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

The Library is closed on Mardi Gras; Good Friday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 6 p. m., to December 26th, 9 a. m.; December 31st, from 6 p. m., to January 2d, at 9 a. m., and at 6 p. m. on the evenings of the Momus and Proteus parades.

A vacation of twenty-seven days with full pay is granted each member of the staff. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.

BRANCHES.

The first of our branches was opened just before the close of the year 1907. It is situated at the corner of Royal and Frenchmen Streets, and on the edge of the *"vieux carre,"* or the original city of the French settlers.

The building is a one-story and basement structure of the Doric style of architecture. It is fire-proof, the exterior and interior walls being of pressed brick and the floors of concrete. It occupies a lot 65 by 98 feet, and sits upon a low terrace. The interior space is divided into reading, attendants', janitor's, storage and toilet rooms. The reading-room is 40 by 50 feet, with a ceiling height of sixteen feet. The absence of columns or other obstructions gives the impression of an even larger room.

The building was designed by Emile Weil and built by F. J. Noullet.

The books are placed upon wall shelves made of cypress to match the interior trim of the building. The book capacity of this branch was estimated to be six thousand, and at the end of the year the collection numbered five thousand one hundred and forty-three volumes.

On the night that the building was opened to the public a large and interested audience was present. Mayor Behrman, President Dillard and the Librarian spoke briefly in tendering the library to the people. Professor Alcée Fortier, who delivered the address of the evening, spoke in French.

The report of Miss Deynoodt, the assistant in charge of the Royal Branch, shows that the home circulation for the year has been 40,355; that 16,161 books were read at the library, 2,291 borrowers' cards were issued; 144 gifts received, and $188.64 collected in fines. Miss Deynoodt further reports: "Among the gratifying features of the library's first year is the constant use of the reference books, the historical works and books on general literature. Our year's experience shows us that the institution is already well-established in popular favor."



ALGIERS BRANCH INTERIOR

ALGIERS BRANCH.

This branch was designed by Mr. R. E. De Buys and built by Mr. J. W. Lennox.

"The Algiers Branch of the New Orleans Public Library," says Mr. De Buys, "was designed and built in the classic type of architecture. The exterior is finished in terra cotta and pressed brick. All the walls are of solid brick, and the interior is finished in hard plaster. One enters the library through a portico in which there is a Doric column and pilaster on each side, and then passes into a vestibule, to the right of which is the librarian's room, and to the left the reference-room. The reading and stack-room contains two thousand square feet, being forty feet wide by fifty feet long. The other conveniences of the building include toilets for men and women and storage for janitor's and other supplies. There is also a complete steam-heating plant. The roof is finished in tile and sheet metal. The foundations are of reinforced concrete. The lighting is by electricity."

The library is built on a lot measuring 141 by 61 feet. Its palms and well-kept lawns make a most attractive setting for the handsome little structure.

When the building was dedicated the people of Algiers, as one of the papers the next morning said, "made the occasion a fraternal reunion of civic pride and progress." Some six hundred people must have been present. A committee of citizens that took charge of the ceremonies had decorated the building handsomely, furnished an orchestra and provided refreshments. In the absence of President Dillard, Vice-President Fitzpatrick presided. Short addresses were made by Father Larkin, Rev. J. A. Tinnin, Rev. J. F. Foster, Mayor Behrman, Vice-President Fitzpatrick, Judge W. H. Seymour, Mr. J. H. DeGrange, Mr. P. A. Lelong and the Librarian. A letter from Rev. W. S. Slack, who was unable to be present, was read.

The Assistant Librarian, Mrs. L. Dessommes, was put in charge of the branch, but in March it was found necessary to recall her to the Central Library, and Miss Morrison took her place. Miss

Morrison has worked very hard to increase the number of borrowers from her branch; she has canvassed her whole district and has repeatedly visited the schools. As she states in her report: "Much can be expected from this library in the future. It has every advantage, being the only source of intellectual recreation in a district having 15,000 inhabitants. Library work is in its infancy in Algiers; but, by untiring effort, we hope to help many to education and the larger life, and to furnish, as well, diversion for those overburdened with daily cares and responsibility. It shall be our earnest endeavor to make the library a power for good and one of the chief factors in the life of the community."

The number of books circulated from the Algiers Branch was, for home use, 26,346; for library use, 10,658. Cards were issued to 1,118 borrowers; five gifts were received, and $81.84 was collected for lost, damaged and overdue books.

NAPOLEON BRANCH.

The Napoleon was the last of the three branches to be opened. The building is an adaptation of the French Renaissance. Employing the words of the architect, "It is constructed of deep-red, rough brick, with heavy joints and with trimmings of very light terra cotta. Simple lines and strong contrasts are depended on for the whole effect of the structure."

The number of rooms is the same as in the Royal Branch, but the disposition is entirely different. The reading-room is about the same size as that of the two other branches, but, instead of using wall shelves, the books are placed on stacks arranged fan-shape, so that the attendant commands a view of the whole room and, at the same time, of the stacks. The book capacity of this branch is not as great as that of the other branches. Only five thousand volumes can be accommodated, and already 4,083 have been placed in the building.

The building was designed and constructed under the direction of Messrs. Favrot & Livaudais; the builder was the Michel-Chesse Company.



The experience of one year has shown that it is a mistake to place a library in a small public park. It is impossible to obtain quiet for the readers, and very difficult to otherwise maintain the discipline in the proximity of the library that is necessary.

A steady downpour of rain prevented many from being present at the opening of the Napoleon Branch. Mr. J. H. DeGrange presided. Speeches were made by Mr. DeGrange, Mr. A. H. Wilson, President of the School Board, and the Librarian.

Miss Kopman, who has charge of the branch, reports that, during the eleven months the branch has been open, 27,914 books have been given out for home use and 8,765 for library use; 1,800 cards have been issued to readers; 13 gifts have been received, and $163.45 was collected in fines. Miss Kopman writes: "With faithful effort on the part of the branch assistants, Napoleon Branch will, I hope, become more and more a factor in the culture of the community."

All of the technical work for the branch libraries is done at the Central Library. This leaves the attendants free to devote their whole time, except for the mending of books, to the building up of their circulation. Personal contact with the borrower and the friendly relations that ensue are the chief means of accomplishing the end that we desire. Picture bulletins and reading lists are of material assistance in directing the course of reading and increasing circulation.

The heating system of each of the three branches is different. In the Royal Branch furnace heat is used; in the Algiers Branch, steam heat, and in the Napoleon Branch, hot water.

A great part of the material that has been included in this report has been presented to the Board in my monthly reports; but this is the only form in which permanency can be given to facts connected with the life of the Library, and I have, therefore, deemed it proper to repeat this data.

I respectefully submit this my report for the year 1908.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

FEBRUARY 10, 1909.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund, balance from 1907	$ 7,776.36	
S. Hernsheim Fund, balance from 1907	82.66	
Depositors' Fund, balance from 1907	266.00	
		$ 8,125.02
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$21,200.00	
Interests on Deposits, Interstate T. & B. Co.	55.13	
Fines and Catalogues	1,048.96	
Bourbon Street property, Rents	3,800.04	
Sale of book-racks, waste paper, etc.	157.98	
Royal Branch, account Catalogues and Fines	191.60	
Algiers Branch, account Catalogues and Fines	81.78	
Napoleon Branch, account Catalogues and Fines	165.02	
Napoleon Branch, Refund S. & W. Board	33.41	
Insurance, account Return Premium	18.82	
Trust Fund	300.00	
		27,052.74
HERNSHEIM FUND.		
Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480.00	
Coupons, N. O. City & Lake R. R.	175.00	
Sale of 7 N. O. City & Lake R. R. General Mortgage Bonds	7,350.00	
		9,005.00
Total Receipts		$44,182.76

EXPENDITURES.

By Books, Simon Hernsheim Fund	$6,668.30	
Books, General Fund	75.70	
Periodicals	718.12	
Binding	1,381.42	
Insurance, No. 1115 Prytania Street	96.62	
Lighting	848.40	
Fuel	68.46	
Printing and Stationery	1,002.91	
Salaries	14,013.38	
		$24,873.31



SUNDRIES, as follows:

Library Bureau	$3,348.62	
Watchmen	563.30	
Gardener	345.30	
One Clock Frame	120.00	
Typewriter	96.75	
Tablet	87.50	
Moving Expenses	200.00	
Expenses, Opening Ceremonies	204.60	
Telephone Service	55.68	
Porters' Salaries	845.45	
Rent, No. 1115 Prytania Street	1,375.00	
Miscellaneous Items	1,303.79	
		8,545.99

ROYAL BRANCH:

Salaries	$1,557.00	
Lighting	126.66	
Fuel	37.00	
		1,720.66

SUNDRIES, as follows:

Tablet	$87.50	
Cork Carpets	277.50	
Electric Fans	40.00	
Repairs to Windows	73.00	
Gardener	39.00	
Watchman	60.00	
Miscellaneous Items	171.69	
		748.69

ALGIERS BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,607.25	
Lighting	129.30	
Fuel	72.40	
		1,808.95

SUNDRIES, as follows:

Tablet	$87.50	
Standard Electric Construction Co.	266.00	
Algiers Electric & Wiring Works	40.00	
Electric Fans	97.00	
Miscellaneous Items	201.13	
		691.63

NAPOLEON BRANCH:

Salaries	$1,413.85	
Lighting	66.54	
Fuel	37.00	
		1,517.39

SUNDRIES, as follows:

Furniture and Fixtures	$177.00	
C. C. Hartwell Co., Ltd	387.55	
Repairs	152.80	
Tablet	87.50	
Standard Electric Construction Co	240.00	
Electric Fans	40.00	
Miscellaneous Items	227.67	
		1,312.52
Total Expenditures		$41,219.14

BALANCE IN BANKS:

Interstate Trust & Banking Co	$1,379.95	
New Orleans National Bank (General Fund)	664.31	
New Orleans National Bank (Hernsheim Fund)	919.36	
		2,963.62
		$44,182.76

P. A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
New Orleans Public Library.

New Orleans, January 9, 1909.

CIRCULATION IN 1908.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
Home Use	99,658	40,926	26,346	27,914	194,844
Library Use	15,138	16,154	10,658	8,765	50,715
Totals	114,796	57,080	37,004	36,679	245,559

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897-1908.

TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697	110,274	99,400	98,749	97,316	245,559

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY.

TABLE 3.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin	4,340	4,326	4,093	4,743	4,748	4,731	4,688	4,513	4,460	3,471	5,446	5,973	55,532
English Origin	1,937	2,051	1,868	1,911	2,019	1,897	2,052	2,097	1,975	1,647	2,536	2,672	24,662
German Origin	161	187	155	192	176	163	176	188	215	149	214	211	2,187
French Origin	381	414	424	431	471	459	498	470	423	366	546	670	5,553
Italian Origin	19	26	21	18	19	22	17	19	28	24	23	15	251
Spanish Origin	19	21	18	18	8	12	23	30	13	10	24	39	235
Minor Languages	25	35	27	24	28	32	34	37	39	29	46	41	397
Totals	6,882	7,060	6,606	7,377	7,469	7,316	7,488	7,354	7,153	5,696	8,835	9,621	88,817

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1908.

TABLE 4.

	1908	1907	1906	1905
American Origin	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942
English Origin	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
German Origin	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Italian Origin	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages	397	485	383	441
Totals	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1908.

TABLE 5.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works	222	320	424	219	251	200	309	297	223	204	351	529	3,549
Philosophy	77	50	79	57	87	45	37	69	36	64	51	76	728
Religion	79	60	55	70	66	64	83	40	47	86	121	116	887
Sociology	297	234	253	267	297	271	310	253	187	123	504	622	3,618
Philology	49	52	87	66	74	49	67	44	35	33	59	21	636
Natural Science	206	137	140	146	150	128	99	123	113	92	109	127	1,570
Useful Arts	178	142	138	128	111	98	116	126	127	115	154	167	1,600
Fine Arts	142	122	71	98	71	54	45	51	89	68	175	282	1,268
Literature	608	551	565	526	549	406	329	288	355	454	649	822	6,102
History, Travel, Biography	529	546	505	403	553	407	398	369	366	400	639	904	6,019
Totals	2,387	2,214	2,317	1,980	2,209	1,722	1,793	1,660	1,578	1,639	2,812	3,666	25,977

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1908.

TABLE 6.

	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	728	576	661	746
Religion	887	668	616	822
Sociology	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	636	689	183	270
Natural Science	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel and Biography	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals	25,977	21,181	17,690	20,180

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1908.

TABLE 7.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin	13,229	8,922	10,184	32,335
English Origin	9,187	3,999	6,104	19,290
German Origin	664	167	348	1,179
French Origin	7,431	287	651	8,369
Italian Origin	311	16	69	387
Spanish Origin	314	54	12	380
Minor Languages	38	1	2	41
Totals	31,174	13,446	17,361	61,981

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1908.

TABLE 8.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works	655	146	165	966
Philosophy	137	22	49	208
Religion	162	112	192	466
Sociology	399	117	210	726
Philology	202	24	87	313
Natural Science	496	99	177	772
Useful Arts	432	285	337	1,054
Fine Arts	404	174	170	748
Literature	2,048	606	771	3,425
History, Travel and Biography	1,607	555	798	2,960
Totals	6,542	2,140	2,956	11,638

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1908.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin	8,683	10,204	8,486	27,373
English Origin	2,848	1,969	1,908	6,725
German Origin	123	49	27	199
French Origin	251	49	45	345
Italian Origin	3	0	1	4
Spanish Origin	7	6	19	32
Minor Languages	1	0	0	1
Totals	11,916	12,278	10,485	34,679

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1908.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works	4	0	1	5
Philosophy	3	0	0	3
Religion	201	277	202	680
Sociology	2,906	3,711	2,627	9,244
Philology	11	2	0	13
Natural Science	567	405	197	1,169
Useful Arts	335	87	88	510
Fine Arts	338	595	293	1,226
Literature	1,236	1,083	514	2,833
History, Travel and Biography	1,848	2,981	1,955	6,784
Totals	7,449	9,141	5,877	22,467

READERS' CARDS ISSUED, 1905-1908.

TABLE 11.

	Guarantee	Deposits	Totals, 1908	Totals, 1907	Totals, 1906	Totals, 1905
January	665	21	686	266	255	307
February	723	28	751	222	269	326
March	764	16	780	230	344	301
April	625	15	640	261	242	246
May	704	11	715	269	276	218
June	514	16	530	194	285	280
July	610	12	622	248	413	350
August	566	13	579	284	355	364
September	459	8	467	212	339	364
October	420	13	433	472	353	306
November	950	35	985	460	255	283
December	648	35	683	516	253	196
Totals	7,648	223	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number, in 1908, 11,391 cards were in use.
In 1907, 7,186 cards were in use.
In 1906, 7,185 cards were in use.
In 1905, 6,740 cards were in use.

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1908.

TABLE 12.

	Purchased	Lyceum Library	Gifts	Binding	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	1,992		4	42	2,038	218	105	560
February	895		6	5	906	296	130	360
March	641				641	223	103	240
April	825		6	13	844	311	342	370
May	633		1	114	748	172	240	340
June	609		3	10	622	251	80	245
July	400		18		418	641	288	278
August	341		5	17	363	2,162	93	106
September	286		45		331	834	254	248
October	49	29	2	122	202	1,189	237	530
November	594		13		607	2,845	139	444
December	1,136		16	83	1,235	3,006	113	200
Totals	8,401	29	119	406	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED, 1905-1908.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	543	370	173	125
Philosophy	48	74	31	73
Religion	89	161	34	112
Sociology	380	817	135	267
Philology	95	63	13	55
Natural Science	180	365	39	183
Useful Arts	279	399	87	170
Fine Arts	98	266	25	134
Literature	1,081	909	144	422
Travel	228	439		
Biography	373	539		
History	438	820	290	631
Fiction	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749
Totals	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

Money Received from Fines and Catalogues, 1908.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 14.

January	$96.22
February	97.23
March	117.74
April	129.92
May	113.61
June	125.80
July	130.22
August	110.85
September	131.42
October	115.85
November	161.79
December	156.64
Total	$1,487.29

In addition to the above amount, the sum of $152.98 from the sale of waste paper and old furniture was sent to the Treasurer.

Attendance of Readers in Reading, Reference and Newspaper Rooms, 1907-1908.

TABLE 15.

	Weekdays		Sundays		Totals	
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1908	1907
January	3,738	3,378	158	138	7,412	5,337
February	3,641	2,600	185	233	6,659	5,104
March	3,781	1,906	203	218	6,108	4,576
April	3,532	1,637	117	134	5,420	4,214
May	3,583	1,338	155	158	5,234	3,586
June	2,765	1,251	102	108	4,226	3,411
July	2,557	1,303	127	119	4,106	2,082
August	2,460	1,263	164	148	4,035	3,071
September	2,461	1,296	102	124	3,983	2,036
October	2,254	1,279	120	159	3,812	3,751
November	4,845	2,758	189	283	8,075	4,795
December	4,621	4,098	205	336	9,260	5,799
Totals	40,238	24,107	1,827	2,158	68,330	47,762

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

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NEWSPAPERS.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Atlanta Constitution
Baltimore Sun
Boston Evening Transcript
Charleston News and Courier
Chicago Daily Tribune
Cincinnati Enquirer
Denver Rocky Mountain News
Galveston Daily News
Kolnische Zeitung
London Daily Telegraph
Los Angeles Examiner
Louisville Courier-Journal
Memphis Commercial-Appeal
Minneapolis Tribune
Mobile Register
New York Courier des Etats
New York Times
New York Herald
Paris Figaro
Portland Morning Oregonian
Philadelphia Public Ledger
Richmond Times-Dispatch
St. Louis Republic
San Francisco Call
Springfield Daily Republican
Washington Post

GIFTS.

Albuquerque Journal
Daily Item
Daily Picayune
Daily States
Italo Americano
Jewish Ledger
Jewish Tribune
Mississippi Blatter
Morning Star
New Orleans Bee
Neue Deutsche Zeitung
Southwestern Presbyterian
Times-Democrat
United Labor Journal
Wochentliche Rundschau

MAGAZINES.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Ainslee's Magazine
American Architect and Building News
American Boy
American Federationist
American Historical Review
American Homes and Gardens
American Journal of Sociology
American Machinist
American Magazine
American Review of Reviews
American Photography
American Pottery Gazette
American School Board Journal
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
Appleton's Magazine
Architects' and Builders' Magazine.
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Arena
Athenæum
Atlantic Monthly
Biblical World
Bird-Lore
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Black and White
Blacksmith and Wheelwright
Bookman
Book News
Book Review Digest
Brickbuilder and Architectural Monthly
Business World

Canadian Magazine
Cassell's Little Folks
Cassier's Magazine
Catholic World
Century
Chamber's Journal
Charities and the Commons
Chautauquan
Chemical Abstracts
Children's Magazine
Circle
Collier's Weekly
Confederate Veteran
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Cosmopolitan Magazine
Cotton
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Cumulative Book Index
Current Literature
Delineator
Deutsche Rundschau
Dial
New York Dramatic Mirror
Edinburgh Review
Education
Educational Foundations
Educational Review
Electrical Review and Western Electrician
Electrical World
Engineering Magazine
Engineering News
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering Record
English Illustrated Magazine
Etude
Everybody's Magazine

Field and Stream
Fliegende Blatter
Forest and Stream
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Foundry
Gartenlaube
Good Housekeeping
Graphic
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Health Culture
House Beautiful
Ice and Refrigeration
Ilustración Española y Americana
Illustrated London News
Illustration
Ilustrazione Italiana
Illustrirte Zeitung
Independent
International Marine Engineering
International Studio
Je Sais Tout
Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science
Journal of Political Economy
Judge
Kindergarten Primary Magazine
Kindergarten Review
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
Lectures Pour Tous.
Leslie's Weekly
Library Journal
Life
Lippincott's Monthly Magazine

Literary Digest
Little Folks' Cassino
Living Age
Lyceumite and Talent
McClure's Magazine
Manual Training Magazine
Manufacturers' Record
Masters in Art
Medical Brief
Metal Industry
Metal Worker
Missionary Review of the World
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer
Munsey's Magazine
Musical Courier
Musician
Nation
National Geographic Magazine.
Nautical Gazette
New England Magazine
New York Teachers' Monographs
Nineteenth Century and After
North American Review
Open Court
Outing Magazine
Outlook, American
Outlook, English
Out West.
Overland Monthly.
Pacific Monthly.
Pall Mall.
Pearson's Magazine.
Pedagogical Seminary.
Pernin's Stenographer.
Photographic Times.
Physical Culture.

Pitman's Journal.
Poet-Lore.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Primary Education.
Proceedings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Public.
Public Libraries.
Publishers' Weekly.
Puck.
Putnam's Monthly and The Reader.
Quarterly Review.
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.
Revue Politique et Litteraire.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
Revue Scientifique.
Rudder.
Saint Nicholas.
Saturday Evening Post.
School Review.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
Scribner's Magazine.
Single Tax Review.
South Atlantic Quarterly.
Southern Lumberman.
Strand.
Success.
Taylor-Trotwood.
Technical World.
Textile World Record.
Theatre.
Uber Land und Meer.
Vie Illustrée.

Violin World.
Vogue.
Westminster Review.
Wide World Magazine.
Woodworker.
Windsor Magazine.
Woman's Home Companion.
World To-day.
World's Work.
Youth's Companion.

GIFTS.

Alumni Bulletin, University of Virginia.
Annals of the Propagation of Faith.
Art Student.
Association Men.
Association Review.
Billboard.
Board of Trade Engineering.
Brain.
Builders' Exchange.
Bulletin Commercial League of America.
Caledonian.
Canal Record.
Catholic Churchman.
Chicago Banker.
Christian Science Journal.
Christian Science Sentinel.
Concrete.
Cotton Journal.
Cuba Review Bulletin.
Gregg Writer.
Herald of the Cross.
Herald of the Golden Age.
Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies.

Journal of Zoophily.
Ladies' Review.
L'Athenée Louisianais.
Louisiana Planter.
Louisiana School Review.
Louisiana State University Bulletin.
Matilda Zeigler.
Modern Sanitation.
Mystic Magazine.
New Century Path.
New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal.
Pacific and Northwest.
Revista Commercial Americana.
Shoppell's.
Show World.
Southern Buck.
Southern Farm Gazette.
Southern Lutheran.
Southern Real Estate Bulletin.
Sugar Planters' Journal.
Sunset.
Times Magazine.
Trade Index.
Tulane University Bulletin
Tulane Weekly.
Tulanian.
Vegetarian.

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Auchinclose, W. S.	1
Beer, William	1
Beyer, Mrs. C. E.	9
Boudousquie, Dr. G. C.	1
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California Treasury Department	1
Canada Census Department	1
Cazenove & Son, C. D.	1
Chicago Department of Finance	1
Conference on Geography, Chicago, Ill.	1
Coolidge, A. C.	1
Cuba Conferencia Nacional de Beneficencia y Correccion	1
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Harvard University	2
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Illinois State History Library	1
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Louisiana Auditor of Public Accounts	4
Louisiana Railroad Commission	2
Louisiana Secretary of State	3
Louisiana State Board of Agriculture and Immigration	2
Louisiana State Board of Health	1
Louisiana State Crop Pest Commission	2
Louisiana State University Agricultural Exp. Station	4
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Murray, T. N.	1
National Arbitration and Peace Congress	1
New Orleans Board of Education	1
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New Orleans First Church of Christ, Scientist	2
New Orleans Board of Directors Education	1
New Orleans Superintendent of Public Schools	1
New Orleans Contractors' and Dealers' Exchange	1
Norwegian Legation	1
Nott, G., Jr.	12
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Peaslee, J. B.	3
Pitman, Isaac, & Sons	1
Pittsburg Carnegie Institution	1
Powers, G.	1
Railway News Bureau	2
Raymond, G. L.	3
Reilly, Miss Ellen	1
Shields, Hennison	5
Sieward, Mrs.	1
Stevenson, Russell	1
Stubbs, W. C.	1
Superintendent of Immigration	1
Tassin, Mrs. A. L.	4
Tufts, Miss Helen	1
United States	146
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Vivers, J. J.	5
Waddell, William	2
Williamson, Mrs. C. M.	1
Young Men's Christian Association	1
Total	292

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American Association of Medical Milk Com	1
American Philosophical Society	1
Baltimore Burnt District Com	1
Board of Casualty and Surety Underwriters	2
Boston Public Library	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	1
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society	1
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine	1
Bronson Library Fund—Board of Agents	1
Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences	2
California Board of Architecture	1
Carnegie Hero Fund Com	1
Chicago and Northwestern Railroad	1
Chicago University	4
Cleveland Public Library	1
Committee of Twelve for the Advancement of the Interests of the Negro Race	1
Confederate Veterans, Richmond, Virginia	1
Conference for Education in the South	2
Cuba Archivo Nacional	1
Dallas (Tex.) Public Library	1
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H	1
Detroit (Mich.) Public Library	1
District of Columbia Public Library	1
Evanston (Ill.) Public Library	1
Grand Rapids (Mich.) Public Library	1
Harvard University	1
Haverhill (Mass.) Public Library	1
Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio	1
Hispano Society of America	1
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Lafayette (La.) Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute 1
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London, City of Westminster Public Libraries..... 1
Los Angeles Public Library..... 1
Louisiana—
Auditor of Public Accounts..... 15
Board of State Engineers..... 12
Commission of Agriculture and Immigration..... 2
Department of Education..... 2
Fire Marshal..... 1
Fire Prevention Bureau..... 1
Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.. 13
Insurance Department..... 1
Jamestown Exposition Commission..... 1
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Secretary of State..... 1
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State Board of Agriculture and Immigration..... 13
State Board of Equalization..... 2
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State Horticultural Society 2
State Land Office..... 6
State Library..... 20
State Museum..... 3
State Normal School..... 4
State Penitentiary..... 1
State University..... 16
Tax Commission..... 1
Bar Association..... 1
Historical Society..... 4
Louisville Free Public Library..... 1
McCleary, J. T..... 1
Macmillan Company, New York..... 1
Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital..... 1

Michigan Department of Health	1
Michigan College of Mines	3
Michigan University	2
Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy	1
Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union	1
National Education Association	4
New Haven Free Public Library	1
New Jersey Public Library Commission	2
New Orleans—	
Board of Control, New Basin, Canal and Shell Road	2
Board of Health	1
Charity Hospital	1
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Fire Insurance Patrol	1
Sewerage and Water Board	11
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Charity Organization Society	9
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New York (City) Merchants' Association	2
New York (City) Public Library	1
Norfolk (Va.) Public Library	1
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Paris Prefecture de Police	1
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Philadelphia Free Public Library	1
Pineville (La.) Insane Asylum	2
Portland (Me.) Public Library	1
Pratt Institute Free Library	1
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Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I	1
St. Joseph (Mo.) Free Public Library	1
Scranton (Pa.) Public Library	1
Simmons College, Boston, Mass	3
Southern States Association of the Commissioners of Agriculture	8
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Government Printing Office	50
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Library of Congress	94
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National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers	1
Navy Department	29
Postoffice Department	1
President	1
Smithsonian Institution	24
State Department	3
Supreme Court	1
Treasury Department	91
War Department	19
United States Mississippi River Commission	1
United States Mushroom and Spawn Company	21
University of Chicago Press	1
Vermont University and State Agricultural College	1
Virginia State Library	2
Virginia University	1
Waltham (Mass.) Public Library	1
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Annual Report for 1909.

To the Hon. Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of New Orleans.

GENTLEMEN: We have now completed our first year in the new main building. With increased facilities and conveniences, and a proper and adequate equipment, work has been carried on much more satisfactorily than in our cramped temporary quarters. The greater activity of every department is most marked, the increase of circulation at the main building alone almost equals the entire circulation of three years ago. The reading, periodical and newspaper rooms continue to grow in popularity. Though we were able to add very few books to the reference library, our statistics show an increase of twenty per cent in the use of this collection. The children's department, that was established a year ago, circulated in this first year of its useful career, nearly sixty thousand books.

The branches, too, have increased their circulation, and a statement of their satisfactory work submitted to Mr. Carnegie led to his generous offer of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars to erect an additional branch building. Mayor Behrman and the City Council accepted Mr. Carnegie's gift and have made provision for an excellent site on Canal Street.

Small branches, operated under our present system, have proved a great success. They appeal to me as the

best means of library expansion. All of the technical work for these branches is done at the Main Library; this leaves the branch attendants free to devote their whole time to the issuing of books, the building up of their circulation and creating a neighborhood interest in the Library.

There are still several sections of the city that are a long distance from any of our branches. It will be but a short time, I hope, before we shall be able to establish branches to meet the needs of these districts.

Our records show 94,994 books in the Library; of this number 4,038 were added last year. The number of books purchased was less than half the number purchased the previous year. This is due to the fact that over Five Thousand Dollars was still due for electrical installation, furniture, architect's fees, etc., and could be paid only by reducing the amount budgeted for the purchase of books. There are 6,371 volumes in the Royal Branch, 4,675 in the Algiers Branch and 4,623 in the Napoleon Branch.

The number of readers in the Library increased from 68,330 to 89,877; the number of library cards in use was 15,172 and the circulation that had leaped from 97,316 in 1907 to 245,559 in 1908, increased in 1909 to 325,057. In January, the Library was made, by Mayor Behrman, custodian of the beautiful bust of Gottschalk, Louisiana's great composer. This bust was secured for the city of New Orleans through the untiring efforts and disinterested zeal of Mr. William L. Hawes.

Honorable Alexander Pujol, Commissioner of Police and Public Buildings, at the request of the Library Board, has removed Power's statue of Benjamin Franklin from Lafayette Square and placed it in the Library. The ap-

preciation by the Board of Mr. Pujol's courtesy in this matter was expressed in a resolution of thanks embodied in the Board's minutes.

The City Park Improvement Association, through their Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Bernard, generously gave us a sufficient number of trees and palms to properly shade our banquettes and beautify our grounds. Later in the year, Mr. Bernard notified me that the Association would replace any of the trees that died during the winter. The Commissioners of the Audubon Park also gave us several very attractive camphor trees and palms.

Various societies and associations have been granted the use of the Auditorium and Conference Room. Meetings have been held in one or the other of these rooms by the Woman's League, Woman's Club, Louisiana Society of Naturalists, New Orleans Tree Society, Audubon Society, Era Club, Louisiana State Library Association and The Southern Homeopathic Medical Association.

The Library's correspondence is beginning to be a not inconsiderable item in the summary of the year's work. Nearly four thousand pieces of signed mail were sent out from the Librarian's office.

CIRCULATION.

Our circulation in the last three years has grown from 97,316 to 325,058—that is, to about three and one-half times what it formerly was. That the increase of circulation in one year should almost equal the entire circulation of three years ago is very gratifying to all of those who have worked so hard to accomplish our development and expansion.

About forty thousand volumes in the Main Library are directly accessible to the public. Though half of our

books are thus arranged on the open-shelf plan, we keep more attendants in the stacks than we did when there were no open shelves. In this manner our borrowers have the range of the shelves, yet can always have some one to help them find the subject or particular title they desire without even the trouble of using finding-lists or catalogue.

On certain shelves, special collections of books bearing on questions or events that are conspicuously engaging public attention furnish the readers with ample means of acquainting themselves with the topics of the day. Whenever the plays being acted in the local theatres direct public attention to certain books, or the newspapers discuss or publish condensed versions of good books, these are temporarily added to the permanent special collections. A "Gold Star" collection of a hundred best novels and a hundred titles of best non-fiction are interspersed among the shelves of new fiction, and induce some to reread these standard works and many to form a lasting taste for serious reading. The circulation of books suggested in these several ways has been more than satisfactory.

REGISTRATION.

Central registration, with all original records filed at the Main Library, continues to operate very satisfactorily.

The number of borrowers' cards in use was 15,172, about one-half of these were registered this year.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference department has had very few important additions this year. Yet, in spite of our lack of many of the most necessary reference works, the use of this col-



READING-ROOM.

lection is steadily increasing, and at times taxes the limited capacity of our small room.

The reference library contains 6849 volumes; of this number 3699 are indexed magazines.

For the accommodation of the normal students, there is kept in the reference room a copy of every book that the faculty recommends that the pupils should study in addition to their text-books.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

For economy of supervision, the magazines are put in the general reading room. Naturally, the magazine readers far outnumber the readers of books. We receive two hundred and eighty periodicals, exclusive of State and United States government publications, and the publications of other libraries. Sixty of these periodicals are gifts.

The newspaper room on the ground floor is very liberally patronized. All of the local papers received are given to us by their publishers. We receive through subscription and gift forty-one newspapers.

The attendance in the reference and general reading room was 50,024; in the newspaper room 39,853; the total number, therefore, of those who read in the Library, exclusive of borrowers, was 89,877.

UNITED STATES AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

We have been able this year, through gifts of the Superintendent of Public Documents, to fill a large number of gaps in our Government documents set. General Estopinal has obtained for us a number of those titles of the Department publications, the demand for which warrant-

ed duplication, and in some instances, required additional copies for the reference department.

It seems every year to grow more and more improbable that we shall ever get anything like a complete file, even for the past quarter of a century, of the reports of State and municipal officers and boards. It would be a most desirable thing if legislation should make our library a depository for both State and municipal reports and publications, just as it already is for Federal documents. The certainty of being able to procure all statistical data concerning the State and city governments in one place would well compensate State and city for the petty cost of instituting this system.

The additions to this department in 1909 were United States documents, bound volumes 225, pamphlets 1074; State and City documents, bound volumes 6, pamphlets 71.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The children's library has been established only one year, but its circulation has increased with such unexpected rapidity and its readers so multiplied in this short time, that it has outgrown its quarters and we are confronted with the serious problem of finding at least half again as much space as it occupies at present.

The collection of books is small, 4730, and necessary duplication reduces the number of titles to less than half that number of volumes. The largest number of duplicates is due to the demand for books listed in the public school "Course of Study."

Many of our borrowers have been induced to come to the library as the result of visits paid to their schools. The courtesy of Superintendent Easton and the kindness

of some of the teachers has enabled us to have whole grades at a time pay a visit to the children's room. In this manner the pleasures and benefits to be derived from the Library were made known to hundreds of children who might not otherwise have even entered the building. This is especially true of the children who attended the Public Summer School, as they came from all parts of the city.

A series of attractive exhibitions served also to effectively advertise the children's department. Two of the prettiest displays were of spring flowers. The children brought the flowers for the first exhibit, and Mr. Bernard, Superintendent of the City Park, furnished over a hundred and twenty-five varieties for the second. By far the most successful display, however, was a collection of the "Dolls of All Nations." The popularity of this display became so great that it almost caused a suspension of circulation, the crowds of children often completely blocking approach to the room.

During Christmas week, we remembered our borrowers and gave to each one a Christmas card. The cards, though pretty, were inexpensive, and the appreciation shown by all who received them could hardly be measured by the trifling outlay that gave happiness to so many.

Twenty-five bulletins, with reading lists, were used to direct attention to certain subjects. The most popular bulletins were Lee and Jackson, Washington's Birthday, Athletic Sports, and Decoration Day.

The most potent factor in making the children's library a success has been, however, the gentleness and kindness that both Miss Ducros and Miss Knee have shown their readers, and the patient interest that they have manifested in everything that concerned their young friends.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The cataloguing department does all cataloguing, shelf listing, accessioning, classifying and preparing books for the shelves, both for the Main Library and for the Branches.

While we did not begin to equal the record of work accomplished the year before, it was, nevertheless, a busy year for this department.

At the end of the summer vacation, Miss Dodd, who was at the head of the department, resigned, and Miss Simmons was put in charge. In assuming this new work, Miss Simmons displayed great energy and ability. During her three or four months as cataloguer, besides keeping well up with all current work, she dispatched a considerable part of the work that had been accumulating for years.

Last year's work in the revision of classification was continued, two more classes were shelf listed, 18,000 books were provided with book cards and pockets, and 4038 books were accessioned.

The number of books discarded was 839. There were 89 books lost, but of this number 70 were paid for by the borrowers. The number of donations this year was 685 bound volumes and 1593 pamphlets.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

For two years we have been rebinding practically all fiction in half leather, and find this style of binding far more durable and cleaner than cloth, and, considering the life of the book so bound, about as cheap as cloth. We had rebound 1649 books of all kinds, and had bound from the sheets 274 volumes. In our own mending department,



CHILDREN'S ROOM.

2516 books were mended, and 842 were resewed and set in new covers. Although the number of books mended and rebound in our mending department is less than that of last year, the quality of the work is greatly improved, and in our own rebound books the sewing generally outlasts the paper. Many of the pamphlets bound in this department are as neat and strong as could be desired.

STAFF.

We are feeling severely this year the lack of a training school where some preparation for library work could be made. Year before last, the opening of the Branches and resignations required the taking into the Library of nine assistants who had absolutely no knowledge of library science, and this year three vacancies had to be filled with ladies who were also wholly unprepared for any technical work.

Two members of the staff, Miss Lachs and Miss Morrison, were married. Miss Dodd resigned to take a position in the Tilton Memorial Library, and Mr. Dodd was compelled to give up work on account of ill health.

Each year, as our library grows larger and larger, I realize how much its popularity and success must depend upon the efforts of every member of the staff.

I wish to thank the staff for the work that they have done.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

The Library is closed from 1 p. m., the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed

Good Friday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th. from 6 p. m., to December 26th. 9 a. m.; December 31st., from 6 p. m., to January 2nd., 9 a. m., and at 5 p. m., the evening of Momus parade.

The morning of President Taft's arrival in the city, the Library was closed.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.

BRANCHES.

It is pleasing to note the hopeful and enthusiastic tone of all reports from the Branches.

I am very glad to be able this coming year to do a little more towards increasing the number of books in the branches.

ROYAL BRANCH.

The Royal Branch still retains the honor that it is so proud of as the most active of the Branches. The circulation for the year was 61,632 books. The most notable feature of the year's work is the increased use of the Library by both the young children and also the older pupils for reference work. Miss Deynoodt closes her brief summary of the year's results with a most laudable sentiment, "We have great faith in the Royal Branch, its success and advancement is a matter of great concern and pride to us, and we hope with the help of our Librarian to make a real success of it."

ALGIERS BRANCH.

The Algiers Branch has received considerable help from the Algiers Herald. Through special reading lists published in its columns and attractive articles on subjects likely to interest our readers, the Herald has aided us materially in increasing the number of our borrowers.

Miss Collins has been making a strong effort to increase the reading of non-fiction and especially the reading of books relating to the mechanic arts and trades.

The circulation of this Branch was 29,017 volumes.

NAPOLEON BRANCH.

The Napoleon Branch shows a greater percentage of increase in circulation than either of the other branches. Miss Kopman is pleased, however, with the improvement in the character of the reading done, even more than with the increased circulation. She naturally finds, with this greater use of her branch, a need for more books. While the design of her building does not permit of any but a small collection of books, the limit of its capacity has not been quite reached.

There were issued from this Branch during the year 45,445 books.

CONCLUSION.

The extraordinary increase of our circulation in 1908 was due, in a large measure, to the opening of three branches and of our comfortable and attractive main building. The increased popularity and usefulness of the library in every department during this year, we can properly

assume to be due to the efforts of the Board, the Staff and the Librarian to employ the resources of the library in the manner that would give the best service to the public.

I respectfully submit this my report for the year 1909.

HENRY M. GILL, Librarian.

February 9th, 1910.



NAPOLEON BRANCH.



NAPOLEON BRANCH.

SUNDRIES, as follows:

Watchman	$ 153.35	
Gardener	195.30	
Telephone Service	48.00	
Porters Salaries	865.45	
Miscellaneous Items	901.51—	$ 2,154.61

ROYAL BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,560.00	
Lighting	108.12	
Printing and Stationery	6.00	
Repairs	57.20	
Miscellaneous Items	66.11-	$ 1,797.43

ALGIERS BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,440.00	
Lighting	152.04	
Fuel	37.80	
Printing and Stationery	6.00	
Repairs	22.20	
Miscellaneous Items	100.02—	$ 1,758 06

NAPOLEON BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,560.00	
Lighting	67.02	
Fuel	18.00	
Printing and Stationery	6.00	
Repairs	15.25	
Miscellaneous Items	41.93-	$ 1,708.20
		$36,245.60

BALANCE IN BANKS:

Interstate Trust & Banking Co	$ 315.34	
N. O. National Bank	250.40—	565.74
		$36,811.34

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10th, 1910.

To S. Hernsheim Fund Balance from 1908	$ 919 36	
Received from General Fund, Acct. Loan	1,200 00	
Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480 00	
Amount received for one Atlas	18 00	$3,617 36

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$3,050 93	$3,050 93
Jan. 10, 1910, Balance in N. O. National Bank		$ 566 43

P A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
New Orleans Public Library.

New Orleans, January 10th, 1910.

CIRCULATION IN 1909.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
Home Use ..	155,636	46,130	25,341	38,180	265,287
Library Use.	33,325	15,502	3,676	7,267	59,770
Totals....	188,961	61,632	29,017	45,447	325,057

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897-1909.

TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
48,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,174	107,697	110,274	99,100	98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057



CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY 1909.

TABLE 3.

	Jan	Feb,	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin..	5066	4678	5466	5135	5050	4861	5079	5086	4834	4919	5175	4840	60,189
English Origin ...	2663	2525	3159	2980	2936	2831	2959	2699	2595	2611	2749	2442	33,149
German Origin....	231	256	309	254	255	233	256	344	263	264	294	273	3,232
French Origin ...	689	649	702	665	684	590	585	614	559	563	482	415	7,197
Italian Origin	18	11	31	25	27	21	14	25	24	19	6	7	228
Spanish Origin....	19	27	33	24	18	32	41	23	29	20	33	25	324
Minor Languages.	56	59	88	61	53	46	45	39	54	41	53	36	631
Totals.....	8742	8205	9788	9144	9023	8614	8979	8830	8358	8437	8792	8038	104,950

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY 1909.

TABLE 4.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin..	1,946	1,833	2,203	2,044	2,094	2,299	2,550	2,545	2,213	1,896	2,045	2,070	25,738
English Origin....	541	418	585	604	556	559	560	548	506	538	500	521	6,436
German Origin....	2	8	10	11	17	14	20	20	32	17	10	13	174
French Origin	40	42	68	53	53	73	43	73	80	107	62	56	750
Italian Origin.....	1	1	0	3	2	0	25	3	10	0	3	8	56
Spanish Origin ...	4	4	0	0	1	5	0	1	2	3	6	0	26
Minor Languages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	2,534	2,306	2,866	2,715	2,723	2,950	3,198	3,190	2,843	2,561	2,626	2,668	33,180

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1909.

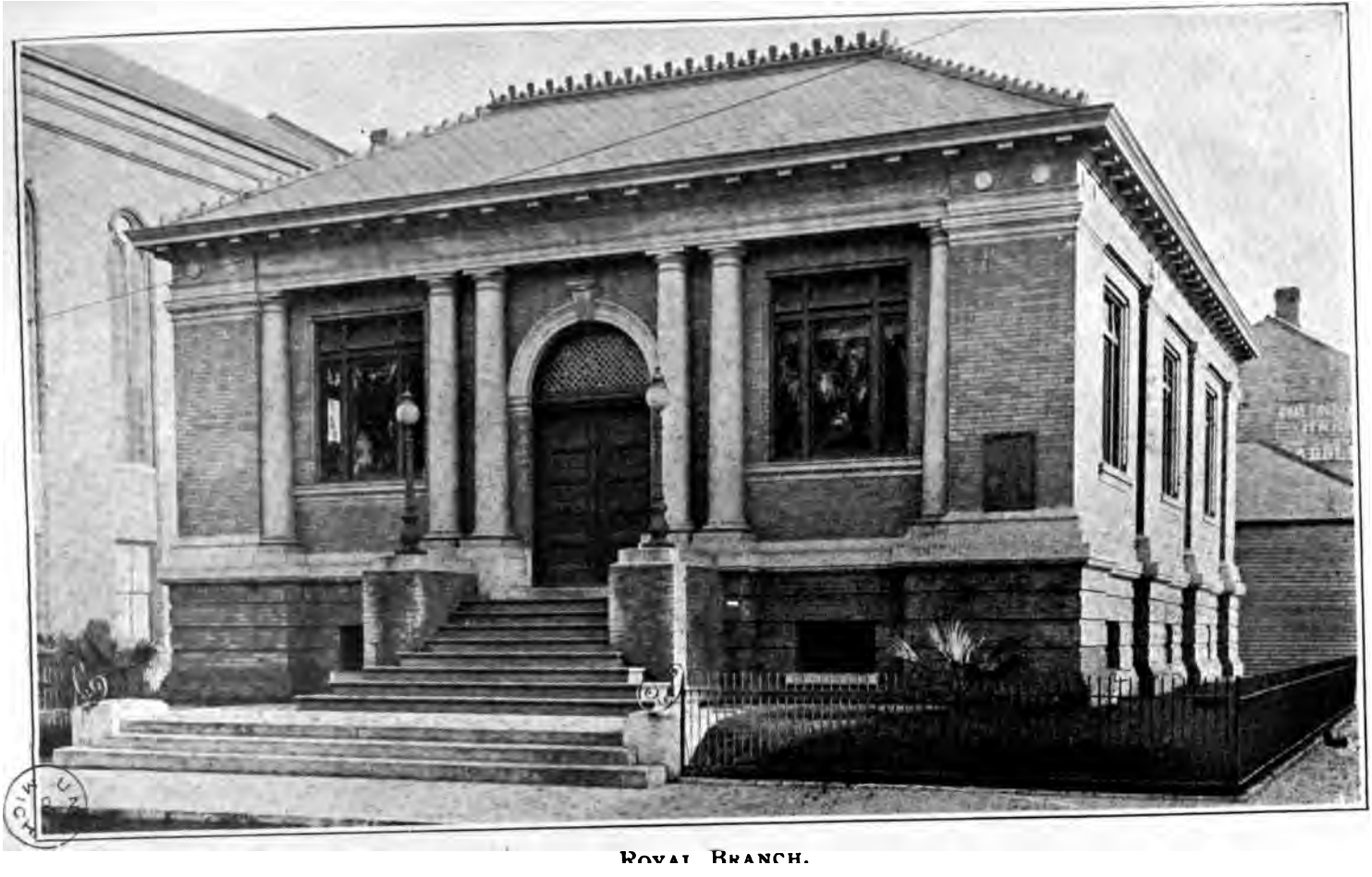
TABLE 5

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
American Origin..	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942
English Origin ...	39,585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
German Origin....	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Italian Origin	284	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin ...	350	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages.	631	397	485	383	441
Totals.....	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1909.

TABLE 6.

	Jan	Feb	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works	469	411	551	536	587	371	442	323	318	505	634	607	5,754
Philosophy	62	66	78	88	119	72	61	54	57	72	101	96	926
Religion	75	73	109	113	82	49	61	42	43	71	74	65	857
Sociology	231	186	379	267	330	182	265	166	188	202	233	183	2,812
Philology	37	60	108	79	133	100	128	61	130	149	124	100	1,209
Natural Science	174	116	126	123	161	135	149	116	124	104	112	95	1,535
Useful Arts	348	227	251	233	194	146	189	144	120	156	135	155	2,298
Fine Arts	176	178	180	128	114	93	96	88	86	74	143	65	1,421
Literature	852	717	890	705	722	518	558	445	425	687	931	876	8,326
History, Travel, Biography	689	544	648	606	812	627	538	444	514	922	1015	941	8,300
Totals	3,113	2,578	3,320	2,878	3,254	2,293	2,487	1,883	2,005	2,942	3,502	3,183	33,438



ROYAL BRANCH.

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1909.

TABLE 7.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works...	90	125	103	103	66	87	62	74	79	91	96	76	1,052
Philosophy	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Religion.....	82	73	106	100	89	60	45	54	58	152	117	108	1,044
Sociology	555	434	581	654	704	688	585	541	401	462	460	429	6,494
Philology.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Science..	50	49	84	91	84	55	53	39	35	58	54	47	699
Useful Arts.....	21	26	27	28	33	25	30	21	34	30	34	33	342
Fine Arts	85	70	120	100	80	66	82	70	80	104	80	115	1,052
Literature.....	136	131	137	151	153	162	119	116	97	159	118	147	1,626
History, Travel, Biography	480	397	561	614	547	523	379	240	281	429	352	275	5,078
Totals.....	1,503	1,306	1,720	1,841	1,756	1,666	1,355	1,155	1,065	1,485	1,311	1,230	17,393

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION,

CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1909.

TABLE 8.

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	932	728	576	661	746
Religion	1,901	887	668	616	822
Sociology	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	1,209	636	689	183	270
Natural Science	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts	2,640	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel and Biography	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals	50,831	25,977	21,181	17,690	20,180

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1909.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin	12,961	9,845	13,891	36,697
English Origin	9,426	4,568	8,369	22,363
German Origin	758	132	540	1,430
French Origin	11,570	273	921	12,764
Italian Origin	287	23	78	388
Spanish Origin	366	35	41	432
Minor Languages	129	1	16	146
Totals	35,497	14,877	23,856	74,220

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION,

BRANCHES 1909.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin	7,872	6,428	9,248	23,548
English Origin	2,536	1,268	1,851	5,655
German Origin	125	49	45	219
French Origin	1,663	17	36	1,716
Italian Origin	3	1	3	7
Spanish Origin	15	1	14	35
Minor Languages	1	0	0	1
Totals	12,215	7,764	11,197	31,181



ROYAL BRANCH INTERIOR.

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1909.

TABLE 11.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works	945	186	463	1,594
Philosophy	109	32	80	221
Religion	180	70	164	414
Sociology	382	131	288	801
Philology	92	17	154	263
Natural Science	524	201	258	983
Useful Arts	441	293	375	1,109
Fine Arts	456	180	222	858
Literature	1,728	508	1,156	3,392
History, Travel and Biography	1,811	579	1,317	3,707
Totals	6,668	2,197	4,477	13,342

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1909.

TABLE 12.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works	0	0	0	0
Philosophy	0	0	0	0
Religion	202	125	301	628
Sociology	3,084	2,036	2,868	7,988
Philology	0	0	0	0
Natural Science	429	111	163	703
Useful Arts	270	60	83	413
Fine Arts	431	211	160	802
Literature	822	425	448	1,695
History, Travel and Biography	2,014	1,211	1,894	5 119
Totals	7,252	4,197	5,917	17,348

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, BRANCHES, 1908-1909.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1909	Totals
Royal Branch.....	57,080	61,632	118,712
Algiers Branch	37,004	29,017	66,021
Napoleon Branch ...	36,679	45,447	82,126

READERS' CARDS ISSUED, 1905-1909.

TABLE 14.

	Guarantee	Deposit	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	794	57	851	686	266	255	307
February	629	30	659	751	222	269	326
March	792	27	819	780	230	344	301
April	715	30	745	640	261	242	246
May	587	16	603	715	269	276	218
June	619	22	641	530	194	285	280
July	666	15	681	622	248	413	350
August	584	17	601	579	284	355	364
September ...	417	22	439	467	212	339	364
October	553	42	595	433	472	353	306
November ...	611	22	633	985	460	255	283
December	464	13	477	683	516	253	196
Totals....	7,431	313	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number, in 1909, 15,172 cards were in use.
in 1908, 11,391 cards were in use.
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in 1905, 6,740 cards were in use.



ALGIERS BRANCH

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1909.

TABLE 15.

	Purchased	Lyceum Library	Gifts	Binding	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	224		18	55	297	2038	218	105	560
February ...	189		105	28	322	906	296	130	360
March	265		34	47	345	641	223	103	240
April.....	279	1	26	15	321	844	311	342	370
May	390		24	4	418	748	172	240	340
June	453				453	622	251	80	245
July	197		64	70	331	418	641	288	278
August.....	273				273	363	2,162	93	106
September..	241		19	5	265	331	834	254	248
October ...	478		44	30	552	202	1,189	237	530
November .	208		7	7	222	607	2,845	139	444
December...	197		41		238	1 235	3,006	113	200
Totals...	3,394	1	382	261	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED,

1905-1909.

TABLE 16.

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works...	290	543	370	173	125
Philosophy	17	48	74	31	73
Religion	34	89	161	34	112
Sociology	211	380	817	135	267
Philology	11	95	63	13	55
Natural Science..	21	180	365	39	183
Useful Arts.....	71	279	399	87	170
Fine Arts.....	40	98	266	25	134
Literature.....	286	1,081	909	144	422
Travel	158	228	439		
Biography	121	373	539		
History	255	438	820	290	631
Fiction.....	2,523	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749
Totals.....	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

Money Received from Fines and Catalogues, 1909.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 17.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
January.....	$ 108.45	$ 20.06	$ 7.81	$ 17.61	$ 153.93
February....	106.74	22.40	8.05	22.55	159.74
March	138.92	15.13	8.81	26.70	189.56
April	138.51	23.47	5.05	22.01	189.04
May	129.40	26 26	8.27	19.51	183.44
June	139.38	20.53	7.10	24.46	191.47
July	133.38	23.66	9.46	24.56	191 06
August	120.37	19.72	5.87	23.19	169.15
September ..	115.57	17.35	7.38	17.35	157.65
October	134.05	22.69	7.42	23.79	187.95
November...	131.83	23.75	8.75	23.43	187.76
December ...	163.18	28 06	12.50	23 00	226.82
Totals....	$1,559.78	$263.08	$96.55	$268.16	$2,187.57

In addition to the above amount, the sum of $151.08 was received from the sale of waste paper and old furniture and from Auditorium and Conference Room rents, and was sent to the Treasurer.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS, 1907-1909.

TABLE 18

	Week Days.		Sundays		Totals		
	Reference and Reading Rooms.	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1909	1908	1907
January	5,088	4,451	305	445	10,289	7,412	5,337
February	4,714	3,719	207	284	8,924	6,659	5,104
March	5,651	4,295	167	266	10,379	6,108	4,576
April	4,488	3,074	174	146	7,882	5,420	4,214
May	4,091	2,801	186	210	7,288	5,234	3,586
June	3,794	2,404	136	159	6,493	4,226	3,411
July	3,712	2,831	113	134	6,790	4,106	2,082
August	3,356	2,296	159	236	6 047	4,035	3,071
September	2,702	2,230	111	138	5,181	3,983	2,036
October	3,285	2,343	172	184	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	3,437	2,735	154	207	6,533	8,075	4,795
December	3,688	4,143	134	122	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals	48,006	37,322	2,018	2,531	89,877	68,330	47,762



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July	3,712	2,831	113	134	6,790	4,106	2,082
August	3,356	2,296	159	236	6 047	4,035	3,071
September	2,702	2,230	111	138	5,181	3,983	2,036
October	3,285	2,343	172	184	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	3,437	2,735	154	207	6,533	8,075	4,795
December	3,688	4,143	134	122	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals	48,006	37,322	2,018	2,531	89,877	68,330	47,762



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Mystic Magazine
New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal
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As a further means of aiding our readers and increasing our circulation we publish in the newspapers selected lists of accessions and lists of books on some special subject that will be of interest to many persons. These lists the papers have kindly published gratis. Lists of the same nature are prepared for the library bulletin and together with classified lists of all books accessioned by the library are published quarterly and distributed to our readers.

In short, every means of increasing the circulation and improving its character that our limited funds will permit have been employed. One of the results of this work is shown by the fact that our circulation of non-fiction has grown in the five years from 1906 to 1910, until in the latter year it is over five times as large as it was in the former.

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The small space allotted to the reference department does not now suffice either for the books or the readers. Almost every afternoon there is not space at the reading tables for some of the students. The books fill every inch of available shelf room and the further development of this branch of library service is impossible as long as it is confined to its present quarters.

The Normal Reference collection, which contains a copy of every book that the Faculty of the Public Normal School have recommended to their pupils for parallel study, was increased by the addition of all the titles contained in Bulletin 408 of the United States Bureau of Education. This is a list compiled by the staff of the Bureau in co-operation with thirty prominent educators representing all sections of our country. This collection "offers,

within a reasonable compass, representative selections from those divisions of educational literature, both general and special, that are of marked interest and value to the public school teachers of America."

Some of the other important additions to the reference collection were the Catholic Encyclopædia, Jewish Encyclopædia, Encyclopædia of Religion and Ethics, New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge, Cyclopædia of Civil Engineering, Cyclopædia of Textile Work, Webster's New International Dictionary, Century Dictionary and Cyclopædia vols. 11 and 12, A. L. A. Portrait Index, Cambridge Natural History, Key to North American Birds, Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Flemming's Documentary History of Reconstruction, Fortier's Louisiana, and the Readers Guide to Periodical Literature 1905-1909. We also bound and put in the Reference Room all pictures of local interest published as supplements to the New Orleans papers.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

We subscribe to 196 magazines and 26 newspapers, and receive as gifts 46 magazines and 17 newspapers, making in all 285 periodicals received by the library. This number does not include State and United States publications, nor the publications of libraries. All New Orleans papers are received as gifts of the publishers. The newspaper room is conveniently located with an entrance directly from the street. The number of readers in this department was 45,650 or almost 6,000 more than last year.

UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

The Superintendent of Public Documents of the United States sent us about 150 volumes of some of the



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most valuable of the government publications. These volumes were needed to fill in gaps that had long existed in our sets.

We have profited very much by the present conditions in the Superintendent's office that enable him to send out as soon as they are ready the pamphlet publications of Congress and the several departments and bureaus. These were formerly held until a sufficient number had been accumulated to fill a large sack and one shipment served for the transmission of several scores of pamphlets.

The change from skiver to good buckram for binding government documents is a welcomed one and should have been made years ago. We regret sadly, however, the omission of serial numbers from the Congressional set. These numbers provided so simple a system of arrangement for the Congressional series that we still continue to number them as soon as the receipt of the Index to the Reports and Documents of Congress makes it possible to do so.

On account of their great value, we have had bound the Annual Industry Bulletins, Biological Survey, National Herbarium, Farmers Bulletins, Fauna of North America and some of the Plant Industry Bulletins.

We received as a depositary and through the courtesy of the several departments and of the Superintendent of Documents, 444 bound volumes and 1,140 pamphlets.

We have been a little more successful this year than we were last year in the collecting of State, parish and municipal documents, 5 bound volumes and 242 pamphlets being secured. The difficulty of securing the reports of our own State and local officials has induced me to repeat my recommendation of last year that legislation be had that shall require the deposit with the New Orleans Public Li-

brary of two copies of all reports issued by officials and boards of the State and the Parish of Orleans.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department was established only two years ago. Even in its first year it outgrew the space assigned to it and naturally we have felt this year more than ever the need of room. The issuing of a new Course of Study for the public schools required the purchase of a large number of titles in duplicate, and forced us to various makeshifts and devices to shelve these necessary additions. There are now 5,798 books in the juvenile library.

The circulation for the year was 56,095. The number of readers and reference workers have increased considerably and the room after school hours until dinner time presents a crowded and animated scene. The readiness with which the children learn to find the books they wish and how, when they are found, to use them, should be an object lesson to the average adult reader. The earnestness of these young readers and their gratitude for any advice and assistance, makes work in this department the most pleasant of all library work.

A record kept during the year shows the following to be the most popular books for girls: The Little Colonel books, by Johnston; The Betty Wales books, by Warde; The Teddy books, by Ray; Jamison's Lady Jane; Alcott's Old Fashioned Girl and Little Women; Stuart's Story of Babette; The Story of Live Dolls, and More About Live Dolls, by Gates; Peggy Owen, by Madison; Patty Fairfield, by Wells; An American Girl in Korea, by Barnes; The Lamplighter, by Cummins; The Lass of the Silver Sword, by DuBois; Johnson's Her College Days; Jamison's Seraph; The Pepper books, by Sidney; May's Dotty Dimple

series; Dorothy Brooke's Schooldays, by Sparhawk; Smith's Little Ned Happy and Flora and Little Girl and Philip; and Heidi, by Spyri.

Among the popular books for boys are: The Crimson Sweater series, by Barbour; The Annapolis books, by Beach; The Substitute and Jack Hall at Yale, by Camp; Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer by Clemens; Altsheler's Forest Runners; Young Trailors; Free Rangers, and The Horsemen of the Plains; For the Freedom of the Sea, by Brady; Dimock's Dick in the Everglades, and Dick Among the Lumber Jacks; Eggleton's Long Knives; Hughes' Lackerim Athletic Club and the Dozen from Lakerim; Inman's Ranche on the Oxhide; McNeil's In Texas with Davy Crockett, and Kit Carson in the Rockies; With Crockett and Bowie, by Monroe; Toby Tyler, by Otis Paine's College Years; Pendleton's In the Camp of the Creeks, and The Motor Boys, by Young.

Of non-fiction, Lang's colored fairy books lead; Seton and Powell's Boy Scouts is second in popularity; Lamb's Tales; Beard's Recreation books for boys and girls; Williamson's Life of Lee, and Life of Jackson; Asbjornson's Fairy Tales from the Far North; Anderson's and Grimm's Fairy Tales; Tappan's Golden Goose; Jenks, Electricity for Young People; Harper's Electricity Book for Boys; Hall's Boy Craftsman; Coates' Children's Book of Poetry; Forbes-Lindsay's Daniel Boone; and King and Ficklen's Stories from Louisiana History.

A number of classes from the schools have visited the library in a body and in this way many new readers have been secured.

Our most popular effort to instruct and entertain the boys and girls was the "Chalk Talks" given in the Auditorium. Over a thousand children came to these two lectures. The distinguished artist, author and naturalist, Mr. J. Carter Beard, who generously offered his services for

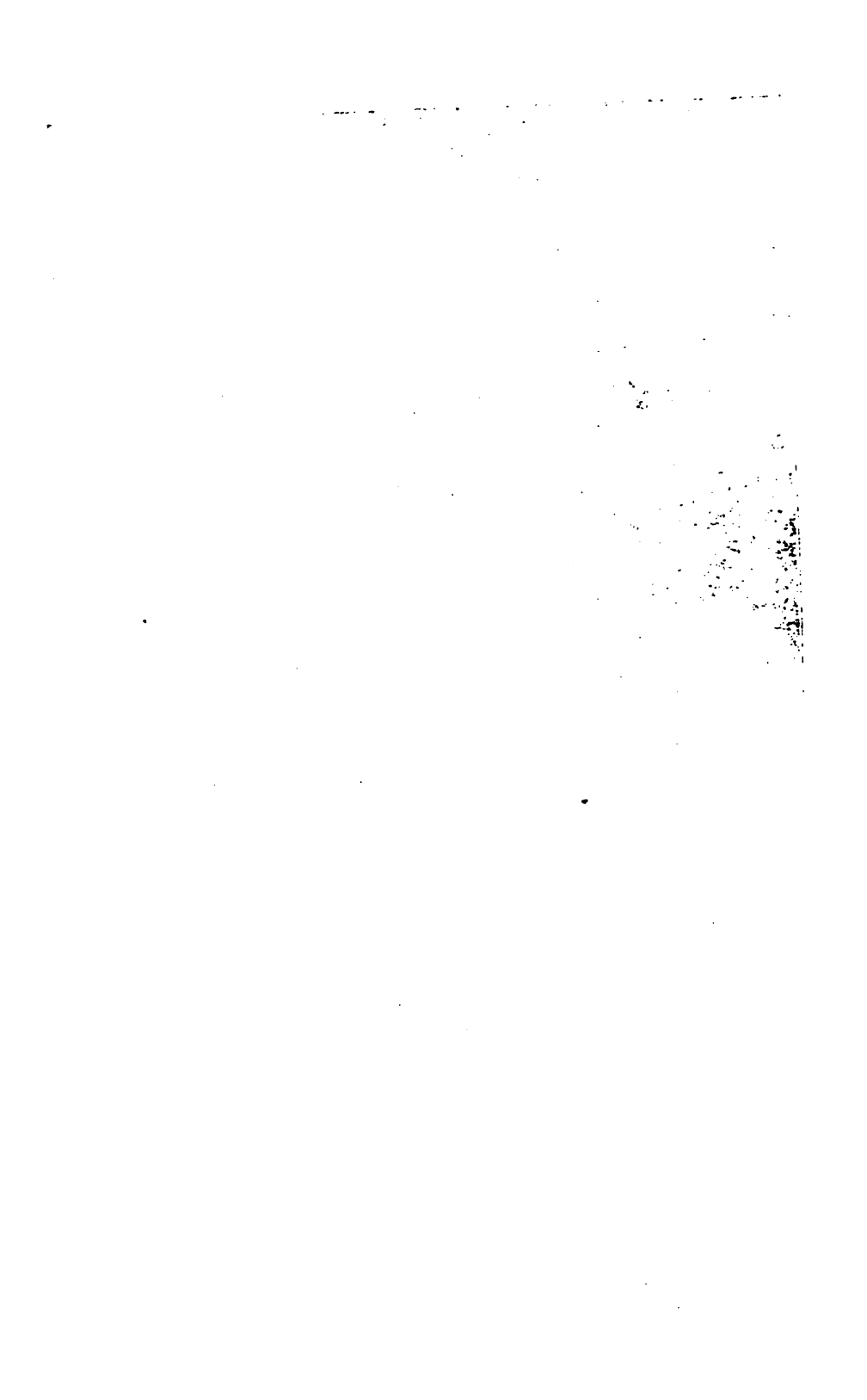
the work had his reward in the complete delight of his auditors. His object was to teach lessons in natural history and the origin and history of some well known symbols and to illustrate his talk by crayon drawings made as the lecture progressed. His instruction was interspersed with anecdotes and humorous stories that held the absolute attention of his young listeners. As each sketch was completed it would, by a few deft strokes of the artist, be converted into a picture so entirely different from the original drawing that it seemed difficult to believe that such a transformation could have been effected under ones very eyes.

Advantage was taken of the interest in the Boy Scout movement by the preparation of an exhibit representing a camping scene on the shores of a lake set in the midst of a dense forest. The conception was artistic and the details very thoroughly and carefully worked out. The department was, however, particularly well pleased with its representation of the Puritans' first Thanksgiving in this country. The faithfulness with which the exhibit reproduced the accepted accounts of this event in our own country's history made it a most useful lesson to the children. These exhibits seem to be of as much interest to the adult readers as to the children.

Christmas week the room was decorated with festoons of smilax and mistletoe and wreaths of holly; crimson bells and other bright ornaments gave the necessary touch of gay color. In the centre of the room a large prettily decorated Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted with many colored electric lights was an object of ceaseless admiration on the part of the younger children. During the entire Christmas week every boy and girl who borrowed a book was given a Christmas card. The increase of circulation resulting from this practice reveals in a humorous manner one of the weaknesses of human nature.



CHILDREN'S ROOM



In preparing our displays we can always rely upon the generous loan of material by the children and the skilled and artistic needlework of some of the ladies of our staff.

The bulletins shown in the children's department during the year were: January, Battle of New Orleans, Lee and Jackson, Country Stories. February, Valentine, Carnival, New Orleans, Washington's Birthday, Indians; March, Kindness to Animals; Easter; April, Joan of Arc, Louisiana Day; May, Comets, Edward VII; June, Lee and Jackson, Decoration Day, Flag Day; July, Fourth of July, Country Summer, Summer on the Shore; August, Summer in the Mountains; September, Return to School; October, Boy Scouts, Football, Baseball; November, Thanksgiving; December, Christmas.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

This has been a very busy year for the Catalogue Department. We accessioned 1,741 more books than in the preceding year, shelf listed six classes of the books already in the library, revised the classification of a large percentage of our collection and prepared a working catalogue of sixty thousand cards. This is the first attempt to catalogue the library since its establishment in 1897.

We began, this year, to publish a quarterly bulletin containing a classified list of all books added to the library and special lists of a large number of books on particular subjects. This work fills sixty-eight double columned printed pages.

The shelf list of one of the branches has been compared with our union list and many corrections made.

We purchased about 3,000 Library of Congress cards.

Miss Simmons the cataloguer of last year resigned about the middle of January and was succeeded by Miss Knee.

There were 5,779 books accessioned, 661 discarded, 35 lost books that were not paid for and 59 that were paid for by borrowers. The number of donations accessioned was 158 bound volumes.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

In my last report I stated the satisfactory results of having books that are much used bound in pig skin and cowhide. Lately we have tried a cotton buckram that has been tested in the government laboratories and been recommended by experts as attaining a very high standard of excellence. This is a superior material to leather, for books that are not constantly handled.

We have been experimenting with shellaced books, especially those bound in light colored cloths and children's books. About one thousand volumes were given from two to three coats of shellac. This process, seems, undoubtedly, to prolong the life of the books and to render them more sanitary.

We endeavor to rebind all of the most popular books in order to avoid the loss of circulation entailed by sending them to the binder. Usually a book sent to our binding department is returned to the shelves within one week. We reserved and set in the original or new covers 1,103 books and mended 2,551. Many useful pamphlets are saved from the oblivion of pamphlet case by being bound.

We sent to the binders 1,320 books to be rebound and 305 to be bound from the sheets.

STAFF.

Owing to the circumstances under which our employees come to us without any previous library training, our work has always been done with the greatest difficulty. If the members of the staff begin their service doubly handicapped through lack of sufficient systematic school train-

ing, it will be impossible for us to attain the usual standard of work maintained in other libraries. I would request, therefore, that in making future appointments, the Board require that the appointee shall have at least a grammar grade education. I cannot too strongly urge the Board to adopt the plan recommended to them by the Chairman of the Administration Committee. This suggestion provides that the Board of Directors shall at a date to be determined upon by themselves choose from the list of eligibles to the position of library assistant, a list of twenty names or less. The persons so chosen shall constitute a cadet corps and shall serve the library without pay and as apprentices for the term of three months. At the end of this time the librarian shall choose from their body a sufficient number of the most capable ones and designate them as substitutes; the places of all absent members of the regular staff shall be filled by these substitutes and their pay during such time of employment shall be One Dollar ($1.00) per day. The members of the substitute corps shall, in the order of their merit, be recommended by the librarian to the Board for permanent appointment. When appointed to the position of library assistant, their salary shall be for the first year Twenty-Five Dollars ($25.00) per month; for the second year, Thirty-Five Dollars ($35.00) per month; and for the third year Forty Dollars ($40.00) per month. The salaries of those who shall be promoted to be the heads of the various departments should be considerably in excess of the above figures, and it is suggested that 50 per cent additional is a reasonable and proper difference. If this plan does not meet with the approval of the Board, I recommend that, when the next vacancies occur in the staff, the Board instead of appointing library assistants, shall fill each such vacancy with two stack attendants until a sufficient number of such employees shall have been appointed. These stack attendants should be girls from 16 to 20 years

of age and their sole duty should be to keep the books in order on the shelves. The maximum wages usually paid them is $25.00 per month. The appointment of these girls for dressing shelves leaves the library assistant free to do real library work and would in our case give us time to conduct a school to properly train our attendants.

Three members of the staff, Misses Simmons, Oberle and Phelps resigned their positions to be married, Miss Howe left to take a position as drawing instructress in the public schools and Mrs. Joyce to accept employment in the New York Public Library. Miss McNeely gave up her work on account of ill health and three of the other ladies were granted limited leaves of absence for the same reason. In September these vacancies were filled in conformity with the requirements of the Civil Service provisions by the appointment of Misses Owen, O'Shaughnessy, Davey, Patrick, Duplantier and Mrs. Barras. In December Miss Connelly was appointed to the position of stenographer and typewriter.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

The library is closed from 1 p. m. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th from 6 p. m., to December 26th, 9 a. m.; December 31st., from 6 p. m., to January 2d, 9 a. m., and at 5 p. m. the evening of Momus parade.

This year as Christmas fell on Sunday the Board closed the libraries on the following Monday.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.



NAPOLEON BRANCH

UNIV. OF MICH.

BRANCHES.

There are 17,523 books in the branch libraries, of this number 6,845 are in the Royal Branch, 5,414 in the Algiers Branch and 5,264 in the Napoleon Branch. The number of borrowers drawing books from the branches is 8,340. The circulation for the year was, Royal Branch, 61,381; Algiers Branch, 32,905; Napoleon Branch, 38,313, or a combined circulation of 132,599. An analysis of these figures shows that the Algiers Branch increased its circulation about ten per cent, that the Napoleon Branch, considering that it was closed for forty days, held its own and that the Royal Branch suffered a slight decrease in the number of books issued.

Miss Dynoodt of the Royal Branch and Miss Kopman of the Napoleon Branch both report that far more reference work was done this year than last year.

Miss Collins of the Algiers Branch devoted herself particularly to increasing the adult circulation and can afford to feel pleased with the results.

All of the branches have employed picture bulletins, reading list and special collections of books as a means of interesting their readers. The great advantage a small branch has is the strong feeling of friendliness that soon spring up between the borrower and the library force. The success and growth of the branch depends more upon the creation and maintenance of this feeling than upon any other one cause. In my visits to the branches I am pleased, therefore, to find constant evidence of the existence of such cordial relations between our staff and the public.

CONCLUSION.

It is very gratifying to report each year that our circulation has increased, that every department of the library is being used more freely, that new branches are being

added and that we have been able to multiply and extend our activities. The growth of the library has lately been so rapid that it is often very difficult to meet the demands on our time and labor, but our only regret is that our means are so restricted that we cannot still further increase this volume of work by entering the fields that remain to be exploited.

I respectfully submit the above report for the year 1910.

HENRY M. GILL, Librarian.

February 8th, 1911.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1909			$ 565 74
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$30,000 00		
Interest on Deposits, In. T. & B. Co.	18 14		
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	1,800 71		
Bourbon St. Property, Rents	3,800 04		
Sales of Book-Racks, waste paper, etc.	20 70		
Royal Branch, Acct. Catalogs & Fines	255 66		
Algiers Branch, " " "	108 31		
Napoleon Branch " " "	214 53		
Lecture Room	33,00	—$36,251 09	
		$36,816 83	

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$4,245 95		
Periodicals	746 78		
Binding	818 68		
Insurance, Bourbon St. Property	493 00		
Lighting	983 55		
Fuel	97 92		
Printing and Stationery	948 06		
Salaries	17,621 75		
Diball & Owen, Architects	388 40		
S. Hernsheim Fund Acct. Refund Loan	300 00	—$26,644 09	

SUNDRIES, as follows:

Gardener	262 45		
Porters' Salaries	833 16		
Telephone Service	48 00		
Miscellaneous Items	1,596 59	—$ 2,740 20	

ROYAL BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,680 00		
Lighting	112 08		
Fuel	36 00		
Printing and Stationery	34 08		
Binding	70 87		
Gardener	36 00		
Miscellaneous Items	132 22	—$ 2,101 25	

ALGIERS BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,590 00		
Lighting	140 04		
Fuel	55 00		
Printing and Stationery	34 09		
Binding	7 31		
Gardener	48 00		
Miscellaneous Items	97 50	—$ 1,971 94	

NAPOLEON BRANCH.

Salaries	$1,660 00		
Lighting	80 58		
Fuel	45 00		
Printing and Stationery	34 09		
Binding	94 83		
Repairs	687 50		
Miscellaneous Items	92 42	—$ 2,694 42	
		$36,151 90	

BALANCE IN BANKS:

Interstate Trust & Banking Co.	$ 233 82		
N. O. National Bank	431 11	— 664 93	
		$36,816 83	

Examined and found correct,

GEO. W. PALFREY,
Auditor.

New Orleans, January 10th, 1911.



SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10th, 1911.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund balance from 1909.....		$ 566 43
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans.....	$1,475 00	
Received from General Fund	300 00	—$1,775 00
		$2,341 43

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$1,598 19
Jan. 10th, 1911, Balance in N. O. National Bank...	$ 743 24

P. A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
N. O. Public Library.

New Orleans, Jan. 10th, 1911.

CIRCULATION IN 1910.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
Home Use ..	171,132	46,125	29,116	32,684	279,057
Library Use.	47,015	15,256	3,789	5,629	71,689
Totals...	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313	350,746

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897–1910.

TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697
1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
110,274	99,100	98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057	350,746

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY 1910.

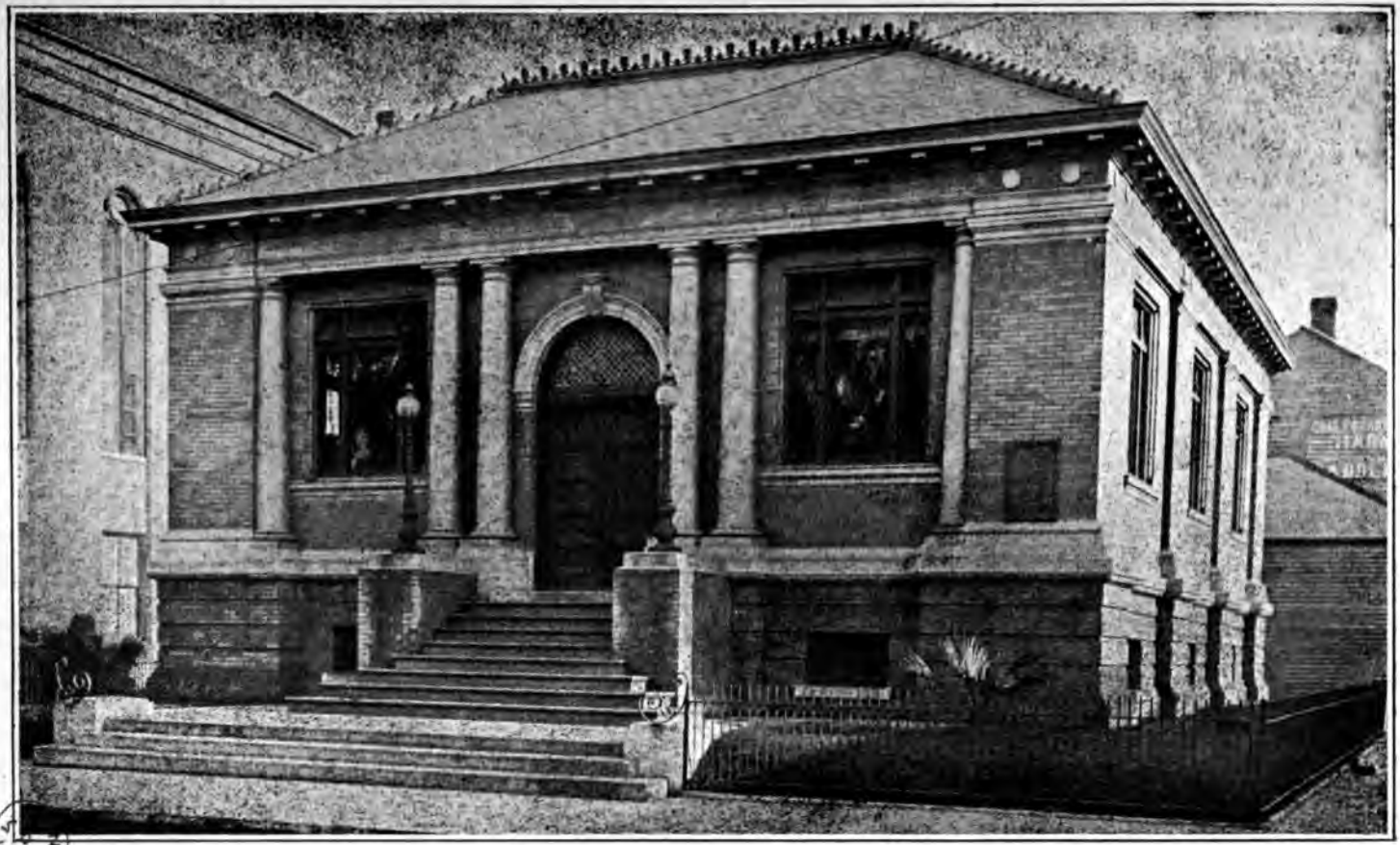
TABLE 3.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin.	5,998	5,599	6,173	5,964	6,316	6,176	6,078	6,566	6,193	5,576	5,960	5,717	72,316
English Origin ..	3,137	2,954	3,473	3,219	3,284	3,095	3,117	3,450	3,135	3,026	3,227	2,867	37,984
German Origin...	297	289	325	279	355	272	333	270	266	269	278	251	3,484
French Origin...	578	488	664	548	582	561	578	558	521	526	495	539	6,638
Italian Origin ...	6	7	20	11	30	37	34	13	12	16	10	26	222
Spanish Origin ..	22	23	22	31	25	16	38	25	18	18	10	18	266
Minor Languages.	55	45	46	48	27	33	43	51	39	35	42	53	517
Totals.....	10,093	9,405	10,723	10,100	10,619	10,190	10,221	10,933	10,184	9,466	10,022	9,471	121,427

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1910.

TABLE 4.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin.	2,449	2,123	2,321	2,295	2,623	2,532	2,578	2,374	1,940	1,761	1,740	1,933	26,669
English Origin...	624	576	658	635	837	685	755	689	650	563	462	533	7,667
German Origin...	16	25	23	39	27	34	107	40	77	38	21	49	496
French Origin ...	68	47	51	94	96	72	149	63	58	91	65	67	921
Italian Origin ...	10	3	7	7	15	15	4	9	8	24	4	16	122
Spanish Origin ..	7	1	13	3	16	8	0	2	4	10	6	3	73
Minor Languages.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	3,175	2,775	3,073	3,073	3,614	3,346	3,593	3,177	2,737	2,487	2,298	2,601	35,949



ROYAL BRANCH

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905–1910.

TABLE 5.

	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
American Origin.	98,985	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50.942
English Origin ..	45,651	39.585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
German Origin ..	3,980	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin...	7,559	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Italian Origin...	344	284	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin ..	339	350	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages	518	631	397	485	383	441
Totals.....	157,376	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1910.

TABLE 6.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Totals
General Works...	770	729	742	698	768	750	686	356	420	837	767	739	8,262
Philosophy	113	115	148	68	137	115	121	172	113	81	129	91	1,403
Religion	68	87	114	106	69	68	95	83	98	66	107	106	1,067
Sociology	281	323	393	323	356	243	293	239	289	257	267	279	3,543
Philology	89	103	104	144	127	140	129	75	119	145	187	168	1,530
Natural Science..	134	91	133	125	137	110	139	118	160	158	185	102	1,592
Useful Arts.....	205	166	162	212	163	171	181	179	249	187	201	226	2,302
Fine Arts	164	133	246	108	118	130	209	84	161	142	118	165	1,778
Literature.....	916	778	961	823	872	517	468	396	478	791	936	802	8,738
History, Travel, Biography..	1,024	993	970	831	924	765	759	595	668	1,055	861	965	10,410
Totals.....	3,764	3,518	3,973	3,438	3,671	3,009	3,080	2,297	2,755	3,719	3,758	3,643	40,625

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY 1910.

TABLE 7.

	Jan.	Feb	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works..	66	66	86	79	82	110	153	194	214	264	148	206	1,668
Philosophy.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	123	81	143	126	137	93	102	72	66	130	128	139	1,340
Sociology	632	614	600	554	597	525	561	491	449	505	468	436	6,432
Philology	0	0	4	4	11	13	0	5	11	6	0	1	55
Natural Science..	72	43	95	57	112	78	125	58	78	154	106	117	1,095
Useful Arts.....	56	48	140	49	87	80	79	94	78	93	51	67	922
Fine Arts	116	80	62	82	117	133	145	115	129	152	163	159	1,453
Literature.....	135	102	143	159	239	158	140	125	112	274	188	232	2.007
History, Travel, Biography..	419	386	477	350	520	392	505	403	384	482	448	408	5,174
Totals.....	1,619	1,420	1,750	1,460	1,902	1,582	1,810	1,557	1,521	2,060	1,700	1,765	20,146

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1910.

TABLE 8.

	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Work ...	9,930	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	1,403	932	728	576	661	746
Religion	2,407	1,901	887	668	616	822
Sociology	9,975	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	1,585	1,209	636	689	183	270
Natural Science..	2,687	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts.....	3,224	2,640	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts.....	3,231	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature.....	10,745	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel and Biography.	15,584	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals.....	60,771	50,831	25,977	21,181	17,690	20,180



ROYAL BRANCH INTERIOR

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1910.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin.	14,239	12,080	13,602	39,921
English Origin ..	9,997	5,817	7,561	23,375
German Origin ..	706	168	377	1,251
French Origin...	10,106	372	678	11,156
Italian Origin ...	256	15	18	289
Spanish Origin ..	311	9	41	361
Minor Languages	230	17	80	327
Totals.....	35,845	18,478	22,357	76,680

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION,

BRANCHES, 1910.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
American Origin.	7,643	6,317	6,685	20,645
English Origin ..	2,600	1,035	1,221	4,856
German Origin ..	174	43	44	261
French Origin...	1,451	23	28	1,502
Italian Origin ...	10	10	14	34
Spanish Origin ..	14	28	11	53
Minor Languages	9	0	0	9
Totals.....	11,901	7,456	8,003	27,360

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1910.

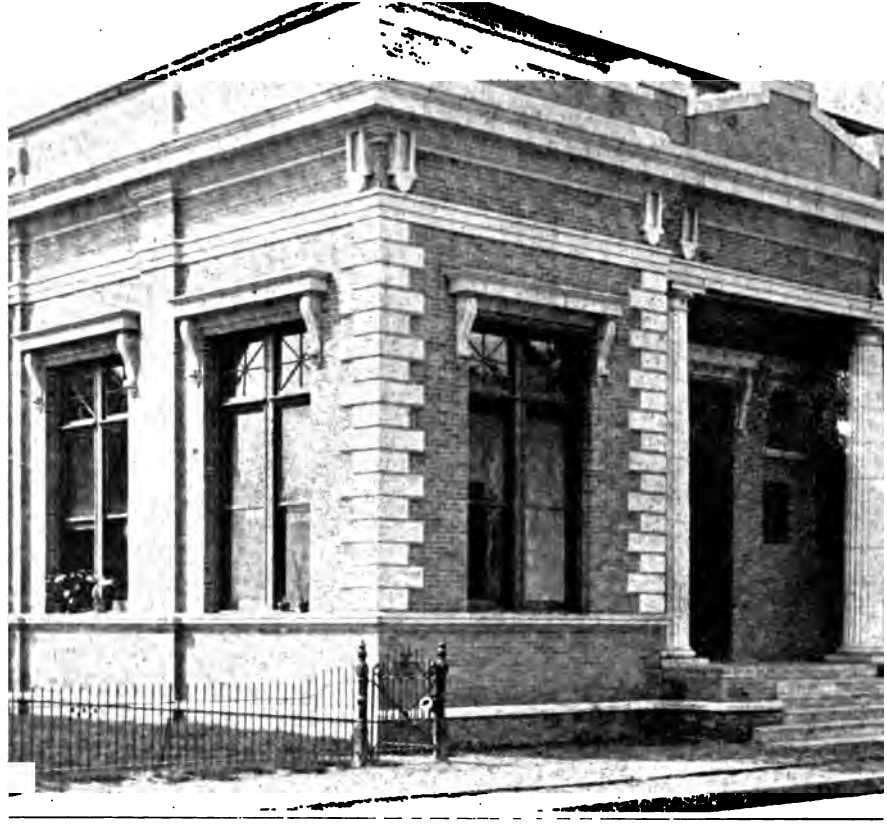
TABLE 11.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works ...	1,148	402	359	1,909
Philosophy	94	86	77	257
Religion	144	149	123	416
Sociology	380	181	254	815
Philology	179	35	143	357
Natural Science..	277	145	234	656
Useful Arts.....	345	279	291	915
Fine Arts	371	195	228	794
Literature.....	1,669	645	859	3,173
History, Travel and Biography.	1,747	591	1,035	3,373
Totals.....	6,354	2,708	3,603	12,665

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1910.

TABLE 12.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
General Works...	0	0	2	2
Philosophy.....	0	2	0	2
Religion	294	176	205	675
Philology	1	5	0	6
Natural Science..	301	95	102	498
Useful Arts.. ...	236	97	126	459
Fine Arts	415	277	162	854
Literature... ...	711	430	332	1,473
History, Travel and Biography.	1,951	836	1,351	4,138
Totals.....	7,271	4,203	4,350	15,824



ALGIERS BRANCH

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, BRANCHES, 1908-1910.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1909	1910	Totals
Royal Branch....	57,080	61,632	61,381	180,093
Algiers Branch ..	37,004	29,017	32,905	98,926
Napoleon Branch.	36,679	45,447	* 38,313	120,439

(*) This Branch was closed forty days for repairs.

READERS' CARD ISSUED, 1905–1910.

TABLE 14.

	Guarantee	Deposit	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January..	668	36	704	851	686	266	255	307
February.	706	27	733	659	751	222	269	326
March ...	930	30	960	819	780	230	344	301
April	664	25	689	745	640	261	242	246
May	761	15	776	603	715	269	276	218
June	668	12	680	641	530	194	285	280
July	752	16	768	681	622	248	413	350
August...	733	19	752	601	579	284	355	364
September	563	12	575	439	467	212	339	364
October ..	673	17	690	595	433	472	353	306
November	628	21	649	633	985	460	255	283
December.	613	28	641	477	683	516	253	196
Totals..	8,359	258	8,617	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number in 1910—17,044 cards were in use.
in 1909—15,172 cards were in use.
in 1908—11,391 cards were in use.
in 1907— 7,186 cards were in use.
in 1906— 7,185 cards were in use.
in 1905— 6,740 cards were in use.

ACCESSIONS 1905–1910.

TABLE 15.

	Purchased		Gifts	Binding	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	258	1	10	28	297	297	2,038	218	105	560
February	260		45	12	317	322	906	296	130	360
March	760		8		768	345	641	223	103	240
April	289		13	11	313	321	844	311	342	370
May	536		39	3	578	418	748	172	240	340
June	461			73	534	453	622	251	80	245
July	453		5	43	501	351	418	641	288	278
August	184		18	6	208	273	363	2,162	93	106
September	591			1	592	265	331	834	254	248
October	591		2	46	639	552	202	1,189	237	530
November	347	1	3		351	222	607	2,845	139	444
December	650		15	16	681	238	1,235	3,006	113	200
Totals	5,380	2	158	239	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED,

1905–1910.

TABLE 16.

	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works...	305	290	543	370	173	125
Philosophy.....	63	17	48	74	31	73
Religion	113	34	89	161	34	112
Sociology	590	211	380	817	135	267
Philology	72	11	95	63	13	55
Natural Science..	139	21	180	365	39	183
Useful Arts.....	214	71	279	399	87	170
Fine Arts	166	40	98	266	25	134
Literature.....	598	286	1,081	909	144	422
Travel	191	158	228	439		
Biography	254	121	373	539		
History	298	255	438	820	290	631
Fiction.....	2,776	2,523	5.123	6,926	1,153	1,749
Totals.....	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921



ALGIERS BRANCH, INTERIOR.

UNIV. OF MICH.

MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES, 1910.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 17.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Totals
January..	$150 65	$24.45	$ 9.84	$21.42	$206.36
February.	149 70	20.85	7.36	21.70	199.61
March ...	146.35	24 10	10.43	18.59	199.47
April	147 35	19.62	8 40	24.22	199 59
May	164 09	19.60	12 00	27.33	223 02
June	137.47	23.94	7.50	14.57	183.48
July	131.92	17.83	5.66		155.41
August...	122.18	19.24	8.41	10 10	159.93
September	125.97	18.52	7.46	16.59	168 54
October ..	179.32	20.32	8.00	16 50	224.14
November	166.12	21.67	9.00	22.43	219.22
December.	179.59	24.52	14.25	21.08	239.44
Totals..	$1,800.71	$255.66	$108.31	$214.53	$2,378.21

In addition to the above amount, the sum of $52.73 was received from the sale of waste paper and old furniture and from Auditorium and Conference Room rents, and was sent to the Treasurer.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS.

1907–1910.

TABLE 18.

	Week Days		Sundays		Totals			
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1910	1909	1908	1907
January..	4,659	4,232	212	314	9,417	10 289	7,412	5,337
February.	4,642	4,088	200	281	9,211	8,924	6,659	5,104
March ...	4,476	2,483	146	159	7,264	10 379	6,108	4,576
April.....	3,638	1,866	129	134	5,767	7,882	5,420	4,214
May	3,619	2,286	168	227	6 300	7,288	5,234	3,586
June . ..	3,451	2,571	132	200	6,354	6,493	4,226	3,411
July	2,890	2,343	135	174	5,542	6,790	4,106	2,082
August ..	3,467	3,297	133	240	7,137	6,047	4,035	3,071
September	2,838	4,325	135	248	7,546	5,181	3,983	2,036
October ..	3,332	4,608	190	401	8,532	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	3,763	4,675	183	382	9,003	6,533	8,075	4,705
December	4,045	5,883	156	233	10,317	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals..	44,820	42,657	1,919	2,993	92,389	89,877	68,330	47,762

Newspapers and Magazines

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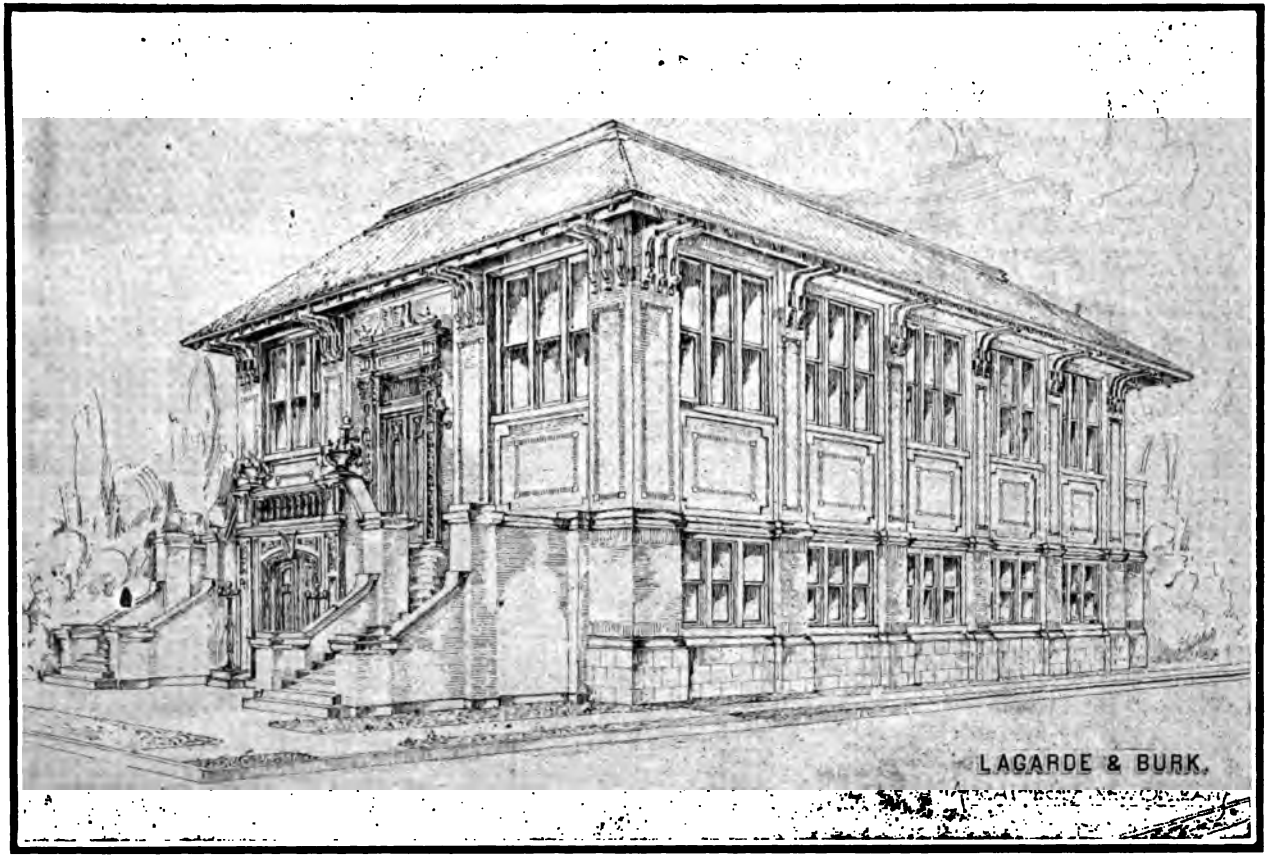
SUBSCRIPTION

Atlanta Constitution
Baltimore Sun
Boston Evening Transcript
Charleston News and Courier
Chicago Daily Tribune
Cincinnati Enquirer
Denver Rocky Mountain News
Galveston Daily News
Kolnische Zeitung
Los Angeles Examiner
London Daily Times
Louisville Courier Journal
Memphis Commercial Appeal
Minneapolis Tribune
Mobile Register
New York Courrier des Etats-Unis
New York Sun. Saturday Book Review
New York Times
New York Herald
Paris Figaro
Portland Morning Oregonian
Philadelphia Public Ledger
Richmond Times Dispatch
San Francisco Call
St. Louis Republic

Springfield Daily Republican
Washington Post

GIFTS

Christian Science Monitor
Chicago Daily Socialist
Daily News
Daily Picayune
Daily States
Italo Americano
Jewish Ledger
Jewish Tribune
Morning Star
National Prohibitionist
New Orleans Bee
Neue Deutsche Zeitung
Presbyterian
The People
Times-Democrat
United Labor Journal



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MAGAZINES

SUBSCRIPTION

Ainslee's Magazine
America, a Catholic review of the week.
American Architect
American Boy
American City
American Federationist
American Forestry
American Historical Review
American Homes and Gardens
American Journal of Sociology
American Machinist
American Magazine
American Review of Reviews
American Photography
American Political Science Review
American School Board Journal
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
Architect and Builder's Magazine
Architectural Record
Architectural Review
Athenaeum
Atlantic Monthly
Biblical World
Bird-Lore
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine
Black and White
Blacksmith and Wheelwright
Bookman
Book News Monthly
Book Review Digest
Bookseller
Brickbuilder and Architectural Monthly
Bulletin of Bibliography
Business World
Canadian Magazine
Cassell's Little Folks

Cassier's Magazine
Catholic World
Century
Chamber's Journal
Chautauquan
Child Lore
Children's Magazine
Christian Work
Circle
Collier's Weekly
Confederate Veteran
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Cosmopolitan Magazine
Cotton
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Cumulative Book Index
Current Literature
Delineator
Deutsche Rundschau
Dial
Dramatic Mirror
Edinburgh Review
Education
Educational Foundations
Educational Review
Electrical Review and Western Electrician
Electrical World
Engineering Magazine
Engineering News
Engineering and Mining Journal
Engineering Record
English Illustrated Magazine
Etude
Everybody's Magazine
Field and Stream
Fliegende Blatter
Forest and Stream
Fortnightly Review
Forum
Foundry
Gartenlaube
Good Housekeeping
Graphic

Hampton's Magazine
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Monthly Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Health Culture
Hibert Journal
House Beautiful
Ice and Refrigeration
Illustracion Espanola Y Americana
Illustrated London News
Illustration
Illustrazione Italiana
Illustrirte Zeitung
Independent
International Marine Engineering
International Studio
Je Sais Tout
Jewish Quarterly News
Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science
Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
Journal of Political Economy
Judge
Kindergarten Review
Kindergarten Primary Magazine
Knowledge
Ladies' Home Journal
Lectures Pour Tous
Leslie's Weekly
Library Journal
Life
Lippincott's Monthly Magazine
Literary Digest
Little Folks. Cassino
Living Age
Lyceumite and Talent
McClure's Magazine
Manual Training Magazine
Manufacturers Record
Medical Brief
Metal Industry
Metal Worker
Missionary Review of the World
Municipal Engineering
Municipal Journal and Engineer

Munsey's Magazine
Musical Courier
Musician
Nation
National Geographic Magazine
Nautical Gazette
New England Magazine
New York Teacher's Monographs
Nineteenth Century and After
North American Review
Open Court
Outing Magazine
Outlook, American
Outlook, English
Overland Monthly
Pacific Monthly
Pall Mall
Pearson's Magazine
Pedagogical Seminary
Pernin's Stenographer
Photographic Times
Physical Culture
Pitman's Journal
Poet-Lore
Political Science Quarterly
Popular Astronomy
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science Monthly
Primary Education
Proceedings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers
Public
Public Libraries
Publisher's Weekly
Puck
Quarterly Review
Readers Guide to Periodical Literature
Revue Politique et Litteraire
Revue des Deux Mondes
Rudder
Saint Nicholas
Saturday Evening Post
School Review
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement

Scoutcraft
Scribner's Magazine
Sewanee Review
Single Tax Review
South Atlantic Quarterly
Southern Lumberman
Strand
Success
Survey
Taylor-Trottwood
Technical World
Textile World Record
Theatre
Uncle Remus Magazine
Uber Land und Meer
Vie Illustree
Violin World
Vogue
Westminster Review
Wide World Magazine
Woodworker
Windsor Magazine
World To-Day
World's Work
Youth's Companion

GIFTS

Alumni Bulletin, University of Virginia
America
Annals of the Propagation of the Faith
Billboard
Board of Trade Engineering (Scranton)
Bulletin of the Commercial Law League of America
Canal Record
Catholic Churchman
Century Path
Chicago Banker
Christian Science Journal
Christian Science Sentinel
Concrete
Cuba Review Bulletin
Exponent
Extension

Financial World
Gregg Writer
Herald of the Cross
Illuminating Engineer
Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies
Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society
Ladies' Review
L'Athenee Louisianais
Logical Point
Lookout
Louisiana Planter
Louisiana State Board of Health Bulletin
Louisiana State University Bulletin
Matilda Zeigler Magazine
Modern Sugar Planter
Mystic Magazine
New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal
Newcomb Arcade
Oysterman & Fisherman
Pittman's Journal
Progressive Farmer
Shoppell's Owners & Builders Magazine
Show World
Southern Buck
Southern Farm Gazette
Southern Lutheran
Southern Scribe
Spencerian Magazine
Sugar Planters' Journal
Sunset
Technology Architectural Record
Tulane University Bulletin
Tulane Alumni Bulletin

DONORS.

BOUND VOLUMES.

Abbott, Francis Ellingwood	2
American Irish Historical Association	1
Anonymous	8
Austin, Mrs. Martha M.	1
Becker, F. P.	14
Benjamin, W. H.	13
Bernheim, I. W.	1
Bienvenu, Nemours	1
Burges, Miss Florence	3
Bushnell, Mrs	1
California Society Sons of America	1
California Weekly	1
Carus, Dr. Paul	1
Cayard, Thelma	1
Czarnowski, Miss Olga	10
Darling, Richard	1
Darling, Mrs. Richard	2
Debar, Joseph	1
Deiler, Mrs. J. H.	1
Denison, Mrs. E. W.	1
Dickbar, Lawrence	1
Dryden, John F.	1
Dupre, Hon. H. Garland	1
Dupuy, Herbert	1
Durning, Lawrence, Sir Edwin, bart	5
First Church of Christian Scientists	6

Fisher, Jane (Miller) 1
Fortier, Prof. Alcee 1
Founder's Week Memorial. Committee on Publications 1
Gallo, A. 3
Gallo, Louis 1
Gillette King Camp 1
Graham, L. & Son 1
Hart, W. O. 1
Harte, Miss A. M. 14
Harte, May C. 2
Harvard University 1
Higinbotham, H. N. 1
Homan, J. A. 2
Illinois State Historical Library 2
Interstate Commerce Commission 1
Jacob, Robert Urie 1
Jastram, Alcide 1
Karren, William Elder 1
Lebeuf, Mrs. N. 1
Little Chronicle Press 2
Louisiana Historical Society 2
Louisiana State Library 3
McCarthy, Mary 1
McClurg Company 1
Minneapolis Board of Courthouse and City Hall Commissioners 1
Moffat, R. Burnham 1
Murphy, James E. 1
National Lumber Manufacturers' Association 1
Nelson, Nels L. 1
New Orleans German Society 135

New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board	1
Panama Canal Commission	1
Peters, Madison C	1
Railway News and Statistics, Bureau of	1
Richard, Adhemar	1
Root, C. T	1
Sarrazin, Dr. Jules	14
Schoonmaker, M	1
Scott, Rev. J. T	1
Seghers, Carroll	2
Seghers, Paul D	1
Short Ballot Organization	1
Slack, Miss Caroline	114
Slack, Mrs. W. S	17
Stanton, Lewis H	1
Tulane Oratorical and Debating Committee	1
United States Brewers' Association	4
United States Bureau of Education	1
United States Government	444
United Confederate Veterans	2
Vezien, Madeleine	2
Western Theological Seminary	1
Wilson, Henry L	1
Wittar, C	1
Wooten, William L	3
Total	884

BULLETINS, PAMPHLETS AND REPORTS, ETC.

American Anti-Vivisection Society	1
Association of Life Insurance Presidents	1
Bangor Public Library	1
Berlin Photographic Co	1
Blackburn Free Public Library	2
Board of Casualty and Surety Underwriters	1
Board of Commissioners of McDonogh School Fund, Fink Asylum Fund, Sickles Legacy Fund	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	2
Boston Economic Club	1
Boston Public Library	1
Boston Schoolhouse Department	1
Bowdoin College	1
Braddock Carnegie Free Library	1
Brockton Public Library	4
Bronson Library	1
Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Science	1
Brooklyn Public Library	8
Buffalo Public Library	2
Buenos Aires, Ministry of Agriculture	12
California Society Sons of the American Revolution	1
Cambridge Public Library	1
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	1
Case Library (Cleveland)	3
Chicago Comptroller's Report	1
Chicago Public Library	1
Cincinnati Public Library	5
Cosulich, Gilbert	3
Coventry Public Libraries	1
Darche, Rev. J. Jos. D	1
Dartmouth College	1

De Grange, Jos. H	1
Denver Public Library	1
Depew, Chauncey M	1
Des Moines Public Library	2
Detroit Public Library	1
Dinkins, Capt. James	4
District of Columbia Public Library	3
Drexel Institute	1
Easton Public Library	1
Enoch Pratt Free Library	1
Evanston Public Library	1
Fidelity and Casualty Co., of New York	1
Fleming, Walter L., Ph.D	1
Fortier, Prof. Alcee	1
Foster, Rabbi Solomon	1
Franklin College (Ind)	1
George T. Hoar Memorial Fund	1
Grand Rapids Public Library	2
Guayaquil Biblioteca	4
Hart, W. O	10
Harvard University	1
Havana Biblioteca Nacional	8
Haverhill Public Library	5
Hebrew Union College	1
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co	1
Illinois State Historical Society	2
Jacksonville Free Public Library	11
Jersey City Free Public Library	6
Jesuits' Alumni Association	1
John Crerar Library	2
John F. Slater Fund	1
Joliet (Ill.) Public Library	6

King, Dr. Howard D.	4
Lake Mohonk Conference	2
Lecocq, Conrad J.	1
Los Angeles Board of Utilities	1
Louisiana Board of Control and Superintendent of the New Basin Canal and Shell Road	5
Louisiana Board of Control State Penitentiary	1
Louisiana Board of State Engineers	1
Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration	1
Louisiana Railroad Commissioner	1
Louisiana Soldier's Home	1
Louisiana State Auditor	1
Louisiana State Board of Health	1
Louisiana State Crop Pest Commission	6
Louisiana State Experiment Station	1
Louisiana State Oyster Commission	1
Louisiana State Superintendent of Public Education	3
Louisiana State University	9
Louisville Free Public Library	1
Loyala College and High School (Baltimore)	1
Lynn Public Library	1
Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
Melbourne (Australia) Department of mines	2
Michigan College of Mines	3
Michigan Public Health Department	3
Minnesota Public Library	2
Mississippi River Commission	1
Nashville Carnegie Library	1

National Board of Fire Underwriters (N. Y)..... 1
National Business League of America 1
National Irrigation Congress 1
National Peace Congress 1
National Shorthand Reporters Association..... 1
New Haben Public Library 2
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station..... 1
New Orleans Board of Civil Service Commissioners. 6
New Orleans Port Commissioners 1
New Orleans Board of Directors Public School.... 1
New Orleans Board of Health 1
New Orleans Board of Trade 1
New Orleans Charity Hospital 1
New Orleans Charity Organization Society 1
New Orleans City Park Improvement Ass'n..... 15
New Orleans Comptroller 3
New Orleans Cotton Exchange 4
New Orleans Educational Association 2
New Orleans Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital... 1
New Orleans Fire Insurance Patrol 1
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New Orleans Police Department 1
New Orleans Public School Athletic League..... 2
New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board..... 1
New Orleans Railway & Light Co..... 1
New York Association for the Blind..... 1
New York Bellevue and Allied Hospitals..... 2
New York Public Library 16
Norfolk Public Library 2
Northwestern University Bulletin 1
Oberlin College 1

Ohio University	4
Omaha Public Library	4
Orleans Parish Medical Society	2
Osaka (Japan) Library	1
Peabody Education Fund	1
Peoria Public Library	2
Perkins Institute for the Blind	4
Philadelphia Public Library	1
Portland Public Library	1
Pratt Institute Free Library	4
Providence Public Library	6
Railways News Bureau (Chicago)	1
Redwood Library and Athenaeum	1
Republica de Cuba	5
Reynolds Library	1
Rosenberg Library	6
St. Joseph Public Library	3
St. Louis Juvenile Court	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association	1
St. Louis Public Library	1
St. Louis Republic	1
Salem Public Library	1
St. Antonio Carnegie Library	1
Savannah Public Library	1
Scranton Public Library	3
Seattle Public Library	5
Simons College	1
Snow, Wm. G	1
Spencer Business College	1
Springfield City Library Association	13
Standard Oil Company	4
Syracuse Public Library	1

Taber, Sidney Richmond	1
Tacoma Public Library	2
Taunton Public Library	1
Texas Library Association	1
Toledo Public Library	2
Toronto Public Library	1
Traveler's Aid Association	1
Tulane University	3
United Confederate Veterans	2
United States Brewer's Association	1
United States Government	1140
University of Alabama	1
University of Chicago	1
University of Illinois	1
University of Nebraska	2
University of New York	1
University of Tennessee	1
University of Vermont	1
University of Virginia	1
Victoria (B. C.) Board of Trade	1
Virginia State Library	2
Waltham Public Library	1
Ward, Dr. James W	1
Western Reserve University	1
Westminster Public Libraries	1
Wilmington Institute Free Library	9
Women's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1
Worcester Free Public Library	2
Young Churchman Company	1
Total	1556

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CENTRAL LIBRARY

Annual Report for 1911.

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 14th, 1912.

To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—

The report of the library for the year 1911, when briefly summarized, shows that the circulation of the Main Library was 232,757; Royal Branch, 61,566; Algiers Branch, 37,007; Napoleon Branch, 51,138, and Canal Branch, that was open for only four months, 17,929; or a total circulation of 400,397. There were added 11,093 books, bringing the number of our collection up to 110,087 volumes, which are distributed as follows: Main Library, 84,880; Royal Branch, 7,426; Algiers Branch, 6,054; Napoleon Branch, 5,814; Canal Branch, 5,913.

On Aug. 26th, the Canal Branch was opened. The site for this branch was provided by the City of New Orleans; the furniture was purchased with the legacy of Mr. Thomas Day, and the building erected with funds donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

The grade of books that are being read has improved, and both a larger number and a larger percentage of good books were issued this year than ever before. The increased use of every department of the Main Library and of all the Branches, after the remarkable increase of the two preceding years, shows that the interest in the library is permanent and that our people have now come to realize the great advantage of a public library. The demands on our reference and children's departments in the Main Library have overtaxed our provision for these read-

ers and frequently patrons find all seats and tables occupied and have to be turned away.

There was one resignation from the staff and two additions to it.

A successful Thanksgiving exhibit that drew many hundreds of visitors was displayed in the children's room.

The New Orleans Public Library has now been established fifteen years. It was begun as a small and modest institution with provision only for the circulation of books and without periodical, children's or reference departments; without branches or delivery stations. In the last five of these fifteen years it has built and opened four branches, built a main building and developed in addition to the circulating department, newspaper, magazine, children's and reference departments. The circulation that began with 43,000 per annum has grown to over 400,000; and the readers in the library, who were at first so few that they were not counted, now number between ninety and a hundred thousand.

Unfortunately, the increase of revenues has not kept pace with the growth of the library, and we have more demands made upon us in proportion to our alimony, and are required to accomplish more in proportion to our resources than any other library in this country. A good illustration of the complete inadequacy of our revenues to meet these many demands is furnished us by a comparison with the library of Newark, N. J. This city, with almost exactly the same population as New Orleans, provided for the maintenance of its library in 1910 $111,680, while our revenues were only $36,816.83, or less than one-third the income of the Newark library. The revenues from the four other cities nearest in population to ours, two larger and two smaller, are Milwaukee $109,280, Cincinnati $156,971, Washington $67,000, Los Angeles $110,356.

MAIN LIBRARY.

The increased circulation this year certainly warrants the belief that next year we will pass the half-million mark. The number of books issued in 1910 was 350,746, and in 1911 was 400,397. With the same rate of increase throughout the coming year as we enjoyed this year, and with the added circulation of the new branch, we should easily issue over 500,000 books.

Not only has the circulation increased, but a better grade of books is being read, the number of non-fiction issued is now four times as great as it was five years ago.

There are about 50,000 books in our collection that are directly accessible to the reader. We have always found it necessary to keep a considerable force in the stacks to rearrange the books and to aid borrowers in finding desired titles. This year we further improved the service in this department by placing at the entrance to the stacks the desk of the lady in charge of this branch of the work. The stack force can thus more easily confer with her and the public consult her when in need of special assistance.

For the first time we have tried pages in this department, two having been employed about the middle of the year. The experiment has been satisfactory, and I recommend that the next increase of the library force be made by the addition of pages.

We have continued our custom of past years in making special collections of books treating of important current events, the plays at the theatres and subjects that are likely to be of popular interest. A daily check is kept on the call for popular books and books to be used in conjunction with school work. In this manner the heavy expense of duplication is incurred only where the demand absolutely warrants it.

Occasional notices in the newspapers and the publication of a regular bulletin aid materially in increasing the circulation.

REGISTRATION.

The registration department issues all cards to readers both for the Main Library and the branches; invalidates all cards that have expired, been redeemed or otherwise returned for cancellation; keeps up with changed addresses of borrowers, and sends out all notices to borrowers and guarantors.

The Borrower's Card is issued for three years.

Besides the regular Borrower's Card, special Teachers' Cards and a Summer Card, for borrowers who will be out of the city during the Summer, are issued. During the year 9,104 Cards were issued; of this number 165 were Teachers' Cards and 75 were Summer Cards. At the end of the year the borrowers numbered 17,130.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The inability of our City Council to provide the money needed for the enlargement of the reference room was a great disappointment to us. For two years the further development of this department has been impossible on account of the smallness of the room. Students who are repeatedly turned away because there are no seats for them soon become discouraged and do not return to the library.

The following are some of the more important titles added this year:

Encyclopedia Britannica. 11th ed. 28 vols.
Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics. v. 3.
New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge. vols 9, 10, 11.



READING ROOM

Catholic Encyclopedia. vols. 10 and 11.
Cyclopedia of Education. vols 1, 2.
Authorized Version of the Bible. 5 vols.
Statesman's Year Book, 1911.
American Year Book, 1910.
United States Bureau of Census.
Cambridge Natural History. 1 vol.
Ditmar's Reptiles of the World.
Westell, Book of Animal Kingdom.
Gorton, History of Medicine. 2 vols.
Johnson & Huebner, Railroad Traffic and Rates. 2 vols.
de Voogt, Our Domestic Animals; tr. by Wormeley.
Wilson, Cathedrals of France.
Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. 3 vols.
Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Music, by Riemann.
Kiehbiel, Chapters of Opera.
Hart, Violin, Its Famous Makers and their Imitators.
Cramm's Modern Atlas.
Hayden's Dictionary of Dates.
Vinogradoff, English Society in the Eleventh Century.
Domville-Fife, Great States of South America.
Bryan's Dictionary of Painters and Engravers. 5 vols.
Canadian Who is Who. 1910.
Burke, Peerage and Baronetage.
Hunt, Political History of England. 12 vols.
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.
Fletcher's Annual Library Index, 1910.
South in the Building of the Nation. 12 vols.
Robertson, Louisiana Under the Rule of Spain, France and the United States.
Colgrove, Teacher and the School.
Annual Magazine Subject Index, 1910 ed. by Faxon.
Dawson, Battles of the United States by Sea and Land.

Ginzberg, Legends of the Jews. Vols. 1 and 2.
Jeans, Waterways and Water Transport in Different Countries.
Longfellow, Cyclopedia of Architecture in Italy, Greece and the Levant.
May, Constitutional History of England.
Woolhouse, Measure, Weights and Moneys of All Nations.
Harvard University, Guide to Reading in Social Ethics.
Cannon, Reading References for English History.
Brown, Readers' Guide to Irish Fiction.
Salisbury & Beckwith. Index to Short Stories.
Seymour, Cross in Tradition, History and Art.
Debaters' Handbook Series. 10 vols.
Meyer's Konversations Lexicon. 19 vols.

The reference collection was increased during the year by the addition of 219 bound magazines and 288 general works and now includes 7,868 books. The number of readers was 11,184.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The periodicals are kept in two rooms. The newspaper room is on the lower floor with an entrance from the street. All of the New Orleans papers that we receive are given to the library by their publishers. We subscribe to 42 newspapers and receive 18 as gifts.

The magazines are displayed on racks in the general reading room. We receive 258 magazines; of this number 54 are gifts. These figures do not include government or library publications.

There were in the course of the year 46,784 readers in the newspaper room and 34,964 in the general reading room.

UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

We encountered the same difficulty this year that confronts us each year in securing the reports of State and local boards and officials. Only five bound volumes and fifty-four (54) pamphlets of this character were received.

Hon. Garland Dupre procured for us a complete set of the Farmers Bulletins. A number of the United States Departments have sent us their publications, the Superintendent of Public Documents gave us 35 volumes that we have been trying for years to procure to complete our sets, and as a depositary library we received 202 bound volumes and 1765 pamphlets from the United States Government.

We have expended much time and energy in the effort to complete this collection and fill in all gaps. We have met with considerable success in this undertaking and I believe we now have a more complete collection of United States Government documents than any other library south of Washington.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The circulation in the Children's Department was 57,459. The rate of increase over the circulation of last year was a disappointment but is explainable. In the three years that have elapsed since this department was established, it has so outgrown its equipment and its quarters, and has become so unpleasantly crowded that we find it inadvisable to do much to develop it or to encourage the attendance of more than its present 1,800 readers.

For this same reason we had fewer exhibits and fewer talks to the children than in former years, though what

work of this character was done was even better than usual.

The number of books was increased by the addition of 1,469 titles. Most of these books, however, were either duplicates of popular titles or replacements of the 573 volumes that were discarded.

Miss Ducros who is in charge of the children's room, in reporting on her year's work, writes:

"In September, Mr. James Carter Beard told original stories for the younger children, which he illustrated with drawings in colored chalk. There were quite a number of children present.

"For Thanksgiving a table exhibit representing 'An Early New England Thanksgiving' was shown. The church and log houses of the settlers, set here and there in the snow-covered fields, the trees with frost upon their bare branches and turkeys pecking about their roots, and the Puritan men and women, well wrapped against the cold, on their way to the Thanksgiving feast, portrayed a most realistic scene. The front of the largest cabin was left open, so a view of the interior might be obtained, and here, gathered about a long wooden table, seated upon the straight benches in use at that time, a number of the Puritans were enjoying their meal. At the head of the table stood the minister, who read the blessing from a miniature prayer book. An attempt was made to have all details as accurate as possible, so the settle and grandfather's clock and the spinning-wheel, and even the horn-book, andirons and trencher-dishes were copied from models of those articles used in early colonial times. This exhibit was among the most successful that the library has known, being visited by large crowds daily, while many of the schools sent entire grades.

"Among the picture bulletins shown during 1911 were: Battle of New Orleans; Birds; Lee; Jackson; Valentine; Washington; Carnival; Animal Day; Easter; Western Mountains; Athletics; Louisiana Day; Birds; Fishes; Flowers; Country; Fourth of July; Boy Scouts; Return to School; American Girls' Colleges; Schools of Many Lands; Baseball; Thanksgiving; Christmas.



CHILDREN'S ROOM

"Of fiction for girls the most popular continue to be stories of college and boarding school life, while a close second are books dealing with colonial and revolutionary times, among which A Little Daughter of the Revolution, and A Colonial Dame by Sage, and the Peggy Owen books, and a Colonial Maid and a Maid of Salem Towne by Madison, are the favorites. Soldier Rigdale by Dix is much liked, as are her Merrylips and Little Captive Lad. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm has become quite popular, while the interest in Alcott's Little Women and Old Fashioned Girl, and Jamison's Lady Jane and Seraph, continues to renew itself.

"Beach's books lead with boys of all ages, followed by Malone's stories of West Point, and Garrison's of the same academy. Barbour's college series are very popular. McNeil's Boy Forty-niners, and Fighting with Fremont are never on the shelves, while the same statement may fairly be made in regard to books dealing with the Alamo and Texan independence. All Indian and pioneer stories, and Tomlinson's revolutionary series are in constant demand, while the younger boys take an unfailing delight in the Palmer Cox Brownie books.

"In non-fiction fairy books are always the most called for. History stories and biographies of explorers and pioneers have a good circulation. The different seasons bring different demands, Spring causing gardening books to go out: Summer, books on camping and out-door life, aeroplane making and handicraft, while during the Winter electrical and mechanical books are read."

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

The cataloging department, that has always had more work to do than the few assistants assigned to it should be called on to accomplish, has fared even worse this year than previously. The cataloger has only one assistant. When some of the ladies in the other departments can be spared, they help in the untechnical part of the work. To render real service in this branch of the work, the assistant must know shelf-listing and cataloging

rules and be able to use the typewriter. Of the ants who could be taken from the work already a them, not one this year, was ambitious enough to take the study necessary to fit her as an aid to t loger. The work increased so much this year a be even so much greater during the next that find a way to induce some of the ladies to prep this work. I think that, undoubtedly, the surest n secure this result would be to increase the sal those who work in the Catalog Department. crease would very slightly raise the amount provi in our budget and could easily be met by the inc the amount of fines that we have collected sin budget was made. If some action of this kind taken, I fear we will shortly confront a situation the work of classification, accessioning and cat can not proceed, and when work in this departmen the whole library system is paralyzed.

The increase of work in the Catalog Depart plainly shown by the fact that in 1909 we acce 4,038 books, in 1910 we added 5,779 and in the year 11,093. The work of reclassification begun la has been continued. The number of cards in our has been doubled. The quarterly bulletin, a classi of books accessioned and lists of books on spec jects filled 73 double columned printed pages.

There were 66 books lost by borrowers and p 42 lost and not paid for and 1000 worn out and dis The number of gifts accessioned was 345.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

We endeavor to bind in the library all of th popular books so that they will not be withdraw the shelves for a month or two at the time wh are most in demand. This work is done entirely machinery and by our own attendants. This y sewed and set back in their original or new cov books, bound 143 pamphlets and mended 1898 books.

The shellacing of books has proved such a protection both to the book and its user that we now shellac very nearly all of our cloth books. We sent to the binders 1358 books to be rebound and 386 to be bound from the sheets.

STAFF.

There were fewer changes in the staff this year than we have had in any of the five preceding years. Miss Reynolds resigned and Mrs. M. L. Haggerty and Miss A. M. Connelly were appointed to fill the vacancies created in the Main Library by the assignment of Miss Cooper and Miss Duplantier to the Canal Branch.

Some of the problems that have confronted me this year, and more especially that of carrying on work when several of the assistants are absent at the same time with no one to take their places, have induced me to incorporate in this report a portion of the report of last year.

Owing to the circumstances under which our employees come to us without any previous library training, our work has always been done with the greatest difficulty. If the members of the staff begin their service doubly handicapped through lack of sufficient systematic school training, it will be impossible for us to attain the usual standard of work maintained in other libraries. I would request, therefore, that in making future appointments, the Board require that the appointee shall have at least a grammar grade education. I cannot too strongly urge the Board to adopt the plan recommended to them by the Chairman of the Administration Committee. This suggestion provides that the Board of Directors shall at a date to be determined upon by themselves choose from the list of eligibles to the position of library assistant, a list of twenty names or less. The persons so chosen shall constitute a cadet corps and shall serve the library without pay and as apprentices for the term of three months. At the end of this time the librarian shall choose from their body a sufficient number of the most capable ones and designate them as substitutes; the places of all absent members of the regular staff shall be filled by these substitutes and their pay during such time of employment

shall be Two Dollars ($2.00) per day. The members of the substitute corps shall, in the order of their merit, be recommended by the librarian to the Board for permanent appointment. When appointed to the position of library assistant, their salary shall be for the first year Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) per month; for the second year Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) per month; for the third year Forty-five Dollars ($45.00) per month, and for the fourth year Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per month. The salaries of those who shall be promoted to the heads of the various departments should be considerably in excess of the above figures, and it is suggested that in most departments 40 per cent additional is a reasonable and proper difference. I further recommend that, when the next vacancies occur in the staff, the Board, instead of appointing library assistants, shall fill each such vacancy with two stack attendants or pages until a sufficient number of such employees shall have been appointed. These stack attendants should be boys or girls from 16 to 20 years.

BRANCHES.

There are 25,207 books in the branch libraries; of this number 7,426 are in the Royal Branch; 6,054 in the Algiers Branch; 5,814 in the Napoleon Branch and 5,913 in the Canal Branch. There are 10,033 borrowers drawing books from these branches and the combined circulation is 167,640. The circulation of the Royal Branch was practically the same as last year. Algiers increased its circulation nearly 13 per cent, and Napoleon to over one-third more than last year. The work in the Branches was of about the same character as last year, though Miss Deynoodt, of the Royal Branch, and Miss Kopman, of the Napoleon Branch, report more reference work than formerly, and Miss Collins, of the Algiers Branch, that a stronger effort was being made to interest the children in reading.

On Saturday, August 26th, the Canal Branch building was formally opened. In the absence of President Dillard, Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Vice-President of the Board,



NAPOLEON BRANCH

acted as Chairman. The program was opened with prayer by Father J. J. O'Rourke. Brief addresses were made by the Mayor, Mr. Behrman; Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Albert Guilbault, and Mr. Gill, the Librarian. Rev. L. A. Simms pronounced the benediction. The Frank T. Howard Improvement Association joined the Library Board in successfully carrying out the program of the afternoon. The Canal Branch has been open for only four months, but under the management of Miss Cooper, assisted by Miss Duplantier, it has already become one of the most active of the branches. The Canal Branch building is very attractive and handsome, and its architects, Messrs. Lagarde & Burke, can well afford to be proud of it. Its style of architecture is the "Spanish Renaissance, suitable and appropriate to this locality and climate. The entire exterior of the building is constructed of buff color pressed brick and concrete trimmed with white semi-glazed terra cotta, topped with a red semi-glazed Chicago tile roof.

The first or main floor of the building is devoted to a general reading and distributing room, an equal division of floor space being reserved for Children and Adults' reading rooms. The floor is of reinforced concrete, covered with a cork carpet. The book shelves accommodating 12,000 books, fixtures and furnishings are entirely of English oak. Each reading table is furnished with an electrical standard, independently controlled by a switch at the attendant's desk. The balance of the first floor is devoted to toilet rooms and stairs leading into the Lecture Room.

The main portion of the second or lower floor, finished in the same style as the first floor, is devoted to a Lecture Room, with a grand entrance on Canal Street. The seating capacity is approximately 400. A large platform and provisions for a stereopticon complete the furnishings of this model Lecture Room."

The total cost of the Canal Branch and the sources from which the money was obtained is shown by the following statement:

Cost of site		$9,000.00
Paid to John Reusch, contractor		23,720.60
Paid to Lagarde & Burke, architects		1,632.20
Paid to Chas. Wenar & Co., account of furniture contract		2,120.00
Paid to F. H. Koretke for one bronze tablet		100.00
Paid to L. Leonhard for shades		58.25
		$36,631.05
By amount appropriated by City of New Orleans	$9,000.00	
By total amount donation of Mr. A. Carnegie	25,000.00	
By bequest of Thos. Day, appropriated by Board to pay for furniture	1,521.00	
By N. O. Public Library, General Fund	1,111.05—	36,631.05

CONCLUSION.

We have this year again to congratulate ourselves on the success that has rewarded our efforts to awaken in the people of our city a greater desire for reading and study. The year's increase in the percentage of books of solid worth that were read is the best feature of this success. It is impossible for us, with the money at our command, to do much more than is now being accomplished; in fact, we have several times been compelled to refrain from endeavors to reach the many hundreds who should be readers, because we knew that we could not meet the increased expense that their use of the library would entail. Our advance has been almost uniform in all departments, showing that no branch of the work has been sacrificed to any other. We have more than quadrupled our circulation in five years, and I believe with a little opportunity given the staff to study library work and a little more money we can double this increased circulation in the next five years.

HENRY M. GILL,
LIBRARIAN.

February, 1912.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 9th, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1910		$	664 93
City of New Orleans Appropriation...	$33,000 00		
City of New Orleans Special Appropriation for Children's Room.....	2,000 00		
City of New Orleans Special Appropriation to buy Books for Canal Branch	539 96		
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library..	1,906 04		
Bourbon St., Property Rent	3,800 04		
Interest on Deposits.....	7 76		
Sales of Waste Paper, Etc.....	7 37		
Royal Branch, Acct. Catalogs & Fines	255 18		
Algiers Branch, " " "	139 02		
Napoleon Branch, " " "	292 33		
Canal Branch, " " "	59 22		
Lecture Room, " " "	26 00		
Loan from New Orleans National Bank, October 14th, 1911	750 00	- $42,782	92
		$43,447	85

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$ 6,219 87		
Periodicals	761 25		
Binding	1,143 30		
Lighting	1,093 60		
Heating	76 55		
Printing and Stationery	1,140 23		
Salaries, Main Library	18,492 74		$28,927 54
SUNDRIES, as follows:			
Gardener	$ 251 90		
Porter Salaries	829 75		
Telephone Service	48 00		
Miscellaneous Items	1,414 59		$ 2,544 24
ROYAL BRANCH.			
Salaries	$ 1,680 00		
Lighting	158 10		
Heating	37 00		
Printing and Stationery	15 20		
Binding	96 80		
Books	116 00		
Gardener	52 00		
Miscellaneous Items	84 55		$ 2,239 65
ALGIERS BRANCH.			
Salaries	$ 1,718 35		
Lighting	192 12		
Heating	26 60		
Printing and Stationery	15 20		
Binding	3 85		
Books	96 00		
Gardener	48 00		
Miscellaneous Items	146 42		$ 2,246 54
NAPOLEON BRANCH.			
Salaries	$ 1,670 00		
Lighting	96 36		
Heating	37 00		
Printing and Stationery	15 20		
Binding	66 65		
Books	96 00		
Miscellaneous Items	95 94		$ 2,077 15



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CANAL BRANCH.

Salaries		$ 671 65	
Lighting		72 54	
Heating		38 00	
Printing and Stationery		39 80	
Books		655 96	
Miscellaneous Items		222 82	
Furniture and Fixtures		276 60	
Building, to Lagarde & Burke, Architects		682 85	
Building, One Bronze Tablet		100 00	$ 2,760 22
Total Expenditures			$40,795 34

BALANCE IN BANKS:

Whitney-Central National Bank, account Children's Room Fund	$ 2,000 00		
Account General Fund	238 29	$ 2,238 29	
N. O. National Bank, Geueral Fund		414 22	$ 2,652 51
			$43,447 85

P. A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer,
N. O. Public Library.

Examined and found correct,
GEO. W. PALFREY,
Auditor.

New Orleans, January 9th, 1912.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund balance from 1910	$ 743 24
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,475 00
	$2,218 24

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$2,187 11
Jan. 9th, 1912, Balance in N. O. National Bank	$ 31 13

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CIRCULATION IN 1911.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	* Canal Branch	Totals
Home Use	186,839	46,700	32,577	44,737	12,211	323,064
Library Use	45,918	14,866	4,430	6,401	5,718	77,333
Totals.....	232,757	61,566	37 007	51,138	17,929	400,397

* Canal Branch was open only four months.

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897–1911.

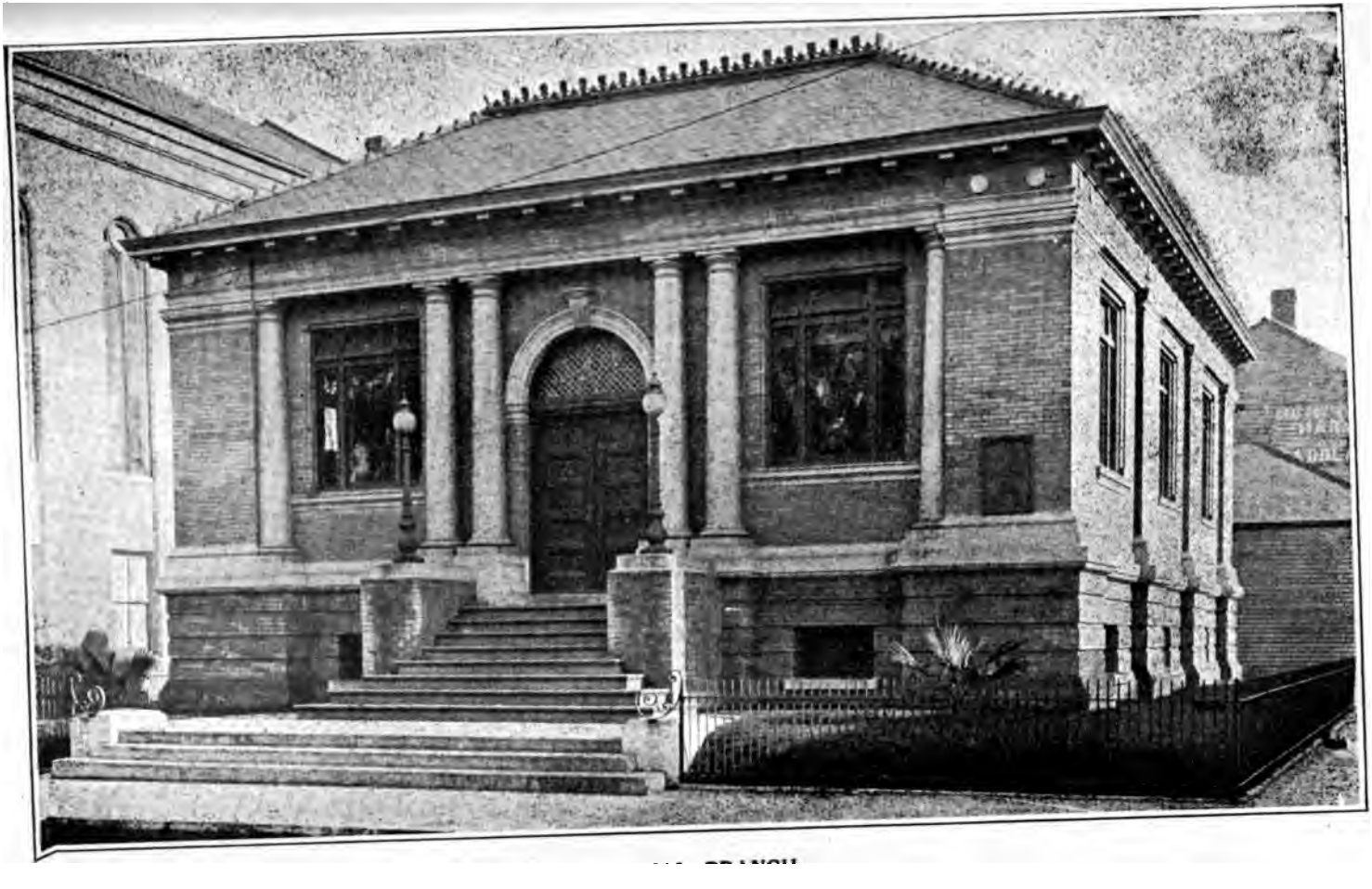
TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697	110,274
1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	
99,100	98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057	350 746	400,397	

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1911.

TABLE 3.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin.	7,338	6,271	7,988	6,957	7,057	6,585	6,762	6,566	5,796	5,822	5,758	5,368	78,268
English Origin ..	3,919	3,179	3,833	3,509	3,559	3,276	3,674	3,311	2,780	2,784	2,884	2,759	39,467
German Origin ..	339	314	268	261	323	195	250	169	162	123	153	144	2,701
French Origin...	667	557	693	556	544	461	523	554	519	468	468	379	6,369
Italian Origin ...	20	30	32	36	27	36	47	34	26	23	22	35	368
Spanish Origin ..	25	21	22	26	22	16	39	36	23	14	15	10	269
Minor Languages	62	64	54	53	47	33	48	40	41	31	21	26	520
Totals.....	12,370	10,436	12,890	11,398	11,579	10,602	11,343	10,710	9,347	9,265	9,301	8,721	127,962



CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1911.

TABLE 4.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
American Origin.	2,389	2,037	2,294	2,037	2,192	2,280	2,425	2,264	1,763	1,508	1,675	2,322	25,186
English Origin...	635	586	609	537	516	598	513	599	401	308	377	360	6,039
German Origin...	24	29	56	30	35	22	17	26	18	15	20	33	325
French Origin ...	81	58	67	74	84	70	31	120	40	13	25	19	682
Italian Origin....	5	10	16	7	4	5	2	0	1	24	20	13	107
Spanish Origin...	1	8	1	2	1	3	3	4	1	0	9	1	34
Minor Languages.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	3,135	2,728	3,043	6,287	2,832	2,978	2,991	3,013	2,224	1,868	2,126	2,748	23,373

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY
1905-1911.

TABLE 5.

	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
American Origin.....	103,454	98,985	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942
English Origin	45,506	45,651	39,585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
German Origin.....	3,026	3,980	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin	7,051	7,559	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Italian Origin	475	344	284	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin	303	339	350	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages	520	518	631	397	485	383	441
Totals.....	160,335	157,376	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1911.

TABLE 6.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works...	934	914	1,023	870	865	375	417	221	230	554	529	624	7,556
Philosophy	145	79	123	128	128	96	100	79	78	107	60	74	1,197
Religion..... ..	167	206	184	128	95	78	81	80	68	113	103	107	1,410
Sociology.....	497	439	461	519	450	259	317	248	285	333	341	335	4,484
Philology.....	210	223	196	185	147	118	123	106	98	148	101	114	1,769
Natural Science..	155	150	190	148	207	149	194	121	155	179	122	117	1,887
Useful Arts	312	249	281	238	331	151	241	195	188	225	190	204	2,805
Fine Arts.....	178	130	192	173	156	119	120	143	103	161	151	175	1,801
Literature	1,330	931	1,432	1,162	1,080	666	633	538	452	907	993	985	11,109
History, Travel, Biography..	1,382	1,111	1,961	1,473	1,283	739	742	677	609	999	1,189	1,153	13,318
Totals.....	5,310	4,432	6,043	5,024	4,742	2,750	2,968	2,408	2,266	3,726	3,779	3,888	47,336

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1911.

TABLE 7.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
General Works...	181	227	207	188	186	153	143	236	115	78	80	56	1,850
Philosophy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	151	151	218	150	157	98	97	99	69	102	146	116	1,554
Sociology	731	567	730	654	620	769	912	942	636	544	588	600	8,293
Philology	2	0	0	86	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	98
Natural Science..	123	80	121	3	131	93	55	59	49	75	91	53	933
Useful Arts	81	72	93	99	118	108	93	83	72	74	70	62	1,025
Fine Arts	188	141	175	181	275	186	162	175	130	118	133	107	1,971
Literature.....	277	251	313	274	341	297	191	232	174	188	242	244	3,024
History, Travel, Biography..	657	605	793	627	616	508	397	471	335	478	451	400	6,338
Totals.....	**2,391**	**2,094**	**2,650**	**2,262**	**2,453**	**2,212**	**2,050**	**2,297**	**1,581**	**1,657**	**1,801**	**1,638**	**25,086**



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CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905–1911.

TABLE 8.

	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	9,406	9,930	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	1,197	1,403	932	728	576	661	746
Religion	2,964	2,407	1,901	887	668	616	822
Sociology	12,777	9,975	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	1,867	1,585	1,209	636	689	183	270
Natural Science	2,820	2,687	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts	3,830	3,224	2,640	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts	3,772	3,231	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature	14,133	10,745	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel, Biography	19,656	15,584	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals	72,422	60,771	50,831	25,977	21,181	17,690	20,180

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1911.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin.	15,824	13,220	18,864	5,965	53,873
English Origin...	10,355	6,687	11,285	2,348	30,675
German Origin...	565	176	331	102	1,174
French Origin...	8,102	305	746	269	9,422
Italian Origin....	201	45	65	9	320
Spanish Origin...	242	15	37	4	298
Minor Languages	141	9	96	26	272
Totals.....	35,430	20,457	31,424	8,723	96,034

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1911.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin.	8,652	6,663	8,536	3,310	27,161
English Origin ..	2,173	1,108	1,209	481	4,971
German Origin..	68	23	31	68	190
French Origin ...	864	15	27	47	953
Italian Origin ...	11	4	5	22	42
Spanish Origin ..	16	6	7	44	73
Minor Languages.	3	0	1	0	4
Totals.....	11,787	7,819	9,816	3,972	33,394

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION.

BRANCHES, 1911.

TABLE 11.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
General Works...	1,532	807	649	499	3,487
Philosophy	91	53	123	82	349
Religion	140	59	157	64	420
Sociology.....	365	234	276	102	977
Philology	236	71	154	277	738
Natural Science..	267	157	250	208	882
Useful Arts.....	229	317	347	108	1,001
Fine Arts.....	298	115	210	93	716
Literature	1,796	842	1,360	489	4,487
History. Travel. Biography..	1,645	638	1,669	660	4,612
Totals.....	6,599	3,293	5,195	2,582	17,669



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CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1911.

TABLE 12.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
General Works ..	0	0	0	21	21
Philosophy	2	2	1	0	5
Religion.....	491	217	214	96	1,018
Sociology.....	3,129	2,996	2,540	1,144	9,809
Philology	18	15	3	0	36
Natural Science..	229	172	70	78	549
Useful Arts.....	259	78	83	52	472
Fine Arts	687	308	304	174	1,473
Literature.....	734	576	378	410	2,098
History, Travel, Biography	2,201	1,074	1,110	677	5,062
Totals.....	7,750	5,438	4,703	2,652	20,543

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, BRANCHES, 1908-1911.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	Totals
Royal Branch....	57,080	61,632	61,381	61,566	241,659
Algiers Branch ..	37,004	29,017	32,905	37,007	135,933
Napoleon Branch	36,679	45,447	38,313	51,138	171,577
*Canal Branch ...				17,929	17,929

* Canal Branch was open only four months.

TABLE IV.

	Guarantee	Deposits	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	819	40	859	704	851	686	266	255	307
February	715	29	744	733	659	751	222	269	226
March	779	26	805	960	819	780	230	344	301
April	649	11	660	689	745	640	261	242	246
May	562	15	578	776	603	715	269	276	218
June	570	13	583	680	641	530	194	285	280
July	685	12	699	768	681	622	248	413	350
August	680	17	697	752	601	579	284	355	364
September	986	14	1,000	575	439	467	212	339	364
October	840	18	858	690	595	433	472	353	306
November	690	13	703	649	633	985	460	255	283
December	657	24	681	641	477	683	516	253	196
Totals	8,632	232	8,864	8,617	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number in 1911—17,130 cards were in use
" " in 1910—17,044 cards were in use
" " in 1909—15,172 cards were in use
" " in 1908—11,391 cards were in use
" " in 1907— 7,186 cards were in use
" " in 1906— 7,185 cards were in use
" " in 1905— 6,740 cards were in use

ACCESSIONS, 1905–1911.

TABLE 15.

	Purchased	Gifts	Binding	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	412	2	6	420	297	297	2,038	218	105	560
February	930	6	3	939	317	322	906	296	130	360
March.....	686	1	102	789	768	345	641	223	103	240
April.....	320	165	93	578	313	321	844	311	342	370
May.....	1,262	61	* 55	1,378	578	418	748	172	240	340
June	1,343		2	1,345	534	453	622	251	80	215
July.....	888	2	9	899	501	331	418	641	288	278
August	1,136	60	21	1,217	208	273	363	2,162	93	106
September...	464	1	20	485	592	265	331	834	254	240
October	1,212	11		1,223	639	552	202	1,189	237	530
November ...	749	5	56	810	351	222	607	2,845	139	444
December....	967	21	22	1,010	681	238	1,235	3,006	113	200
Totals....	10,369	335	389	11,093	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

* 50 of these were gifts.



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CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED,

1905–1911.

TABLE 16.

	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
l Works	441	305	290	543	370	173	125
phy	80	63	17	48	74	31	73
n	219	113	34	89	161	34	112
gy.....	572	590	211	380	817	135	267
gy.....	76	72	11	95	63	13	55
l Science .	231	139	21	180	365	39	183
Arts....	283	214	71	279	399	87	170
rts.....	225	166	40	98	266	25	134
ure	1,625	598	286	1,081	909	144	422
.....	300	191	158	228	439		
phy	318	254	121	373	539		
y	564	298	255	438	820	290	631
.....	6,159	2,776	2,523	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749
als.....	11,093	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES, 1911.
CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.
TABLE 17.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
January	$ 171.40	$23.85	$14.75	$21.67		$231.67
February	126.13	14 18	9.39	16.69		166.39
March	206.14	26.24	14.65	36.78		283.81
April	179.72	21.22	11.70	22.74		235.38
May	166.09	22.02	11.75	29.03		228.89
June	164.94	24.96	11.70	22.42		224.02
July	131.42	18 54	8.86	21.46		180.28
August	126 31	19.69	10.22	21.55		177.77
September	129.74	14 82	9.25	18.90	$ 1.79	174.50
October	137 74	18.24	10.50	21.69	9.06	197.23
November	171.90	21.54	12·75	24.35	13.88	244.42
December	194.51	29.88	13.50	35.05	20.84	293.78
Totals	**$1,906 04**	**$255.18**	**$139.02**	**$292.33**	**$45.57**	**$2,638.14**

In addition to the above amount, the sum of $23.37 was received from the sale of waste paper, from Auditorium and Conference Room rents and other sources.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPERS ROOMS, 1907–1911.

TABLE 18.

	Weeks Days		Sundays		Totals				
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
January	4.812	6,242	232	345	11,631	9.417	10 289	7.412	5.337
February	4 658	4,478	223	305	9 664	9 211	8,924	6.659	5.104
March	5.606	4,477	239	249	10.571	7 264	10,379	6.108	4.576
April	3,887	2,208	301	219	6.615	5 767	7.882	5.420	4.214
May	3.985	2,231	174	161	6 551	6 300	7.288	5.234	3 586
June	2.879	1,954	122	119	5,074	6 354	6.493	4 226	3.411
July	2 838	2,305	175	170	5,488	5.542	6,790	4 106	2.082
August	2.544	3,814	140	187	6 685	7.137	6.047	4.035	3.071
September	2.625	3,038	123	171	5.957	7.546	5.181	3 083	2.036
October	3.203	3,642	213	318	7 376	8.831	5,984	3.812	3,751
November	3.255	4,623	178	316	8,372	9,003	6 533	8.075	4.705
December	3 594	5,011	142	201	8,948	10,317	8,087	9,260	5.799
Totals	43,886	44 023	2,262	2 761	92,932	92,389	89,877	68,330	47.672

Newspapers and Magazines

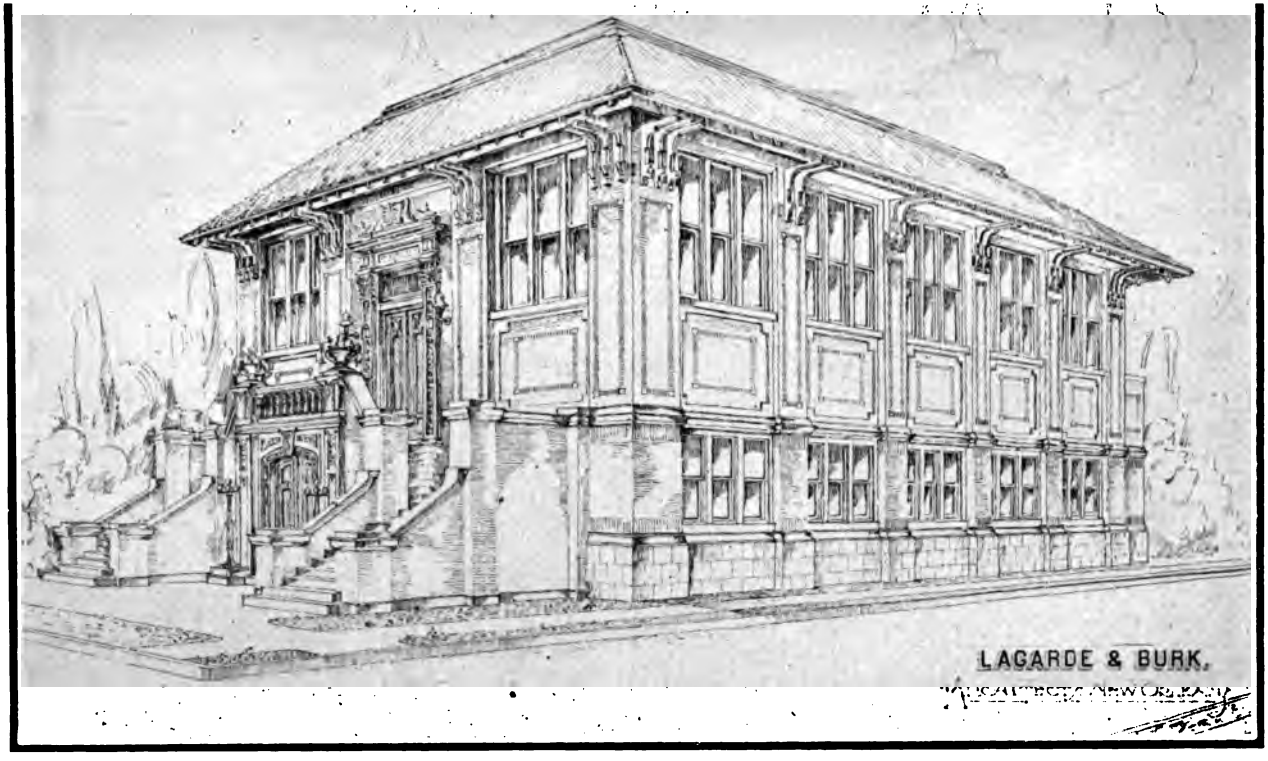
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NEWSPAPERS.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Atlanta Constitution.
Baltimore Sun.
Baton Rouge New Advocate.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Charleston News and Courier.
Chicago Daily Tribune.
Chicago Socialist.
Cincinnati Enquirer.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Dallas Morning News.
Denver Rocky Mountain News.
Des Moines News.
Galveston Daily News.
Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger.
Jackson (Miss.) News.
Kansas City Star.
Kolnische Zeitung.
Lake Charles Daily American Press.
Little Rock Arkansas Gazette.
Los Angeles Examiner.
Louisville Courier Journal.
Memphis Commercial Appeal.
Minneapolis Tribune.
Mobile Register.
Monroe News Star.
New York Courrier des Etats-Unis.
New York Herald.
New York Times.
Paris Figaro.
Portland Morning Oregonian.
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Pittsburgh Post.
Richmond Times Dispatch.



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St. Louis Republic.
San Francisco Call.
Seattle Times.
Shreveport Times.
Shreveport Journal.
Springfield Daily Republican.
Times (London)
Washington Post.

GIFTS.

Chicago Daily Socialist.
Christian Science Monitor.
Daily Item.
Daily News.
Daily Picayune.
Daily States.
Deseret Daily News.
Italo Americano.
Jewish Ledger.
Jewish Tribune.
Morning Star.
National Prohibitionist.
New Orleans Bee.
Neu Deutsche Zeitung.
Presbyterian.
The People.
Times-Democrat.
United Labor Journal.

MAGAZINES

SUBSCRIPTION.

Ainslee's Magazine.
America, a Catholic review of the week.
American Architect.
American Boy.
American City.
American Federationist.
American Forestry.
American Historical Review.
American Homes and Gardens.
American Journal of Sociology.
American Machinist.
American Magazine.
American Review of Reviews.
American Photography.
American Political Science Review.
American School Board Journal.
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.
Architectural Record.
Architectural Review.
Architecture and Building Magazine.
Athenaeum.
Atlantic Monthly.
Biblical World.
Bird-Lore.
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine.
Black and White.
Blacksmith and Wheelwright.
Bookman.
Book News Monthly.
Book Review Digest.
Brickbuilder and Architectural Monthly.
Bulletin of Bibliography.
Business Journal.
Business Magazine.
Busniess Man's Magazine and Bookkeeper.
Canadian Magazine.
Cassell's Little Folks.
Cassier's Magazine and Engineering Monthly.

Catholic World.
Century.
Chamber's Journal.
Chautauquan.
Child Lore.
Children's Magazine.
Christian Work and the Evangelist.
Collier's Weekly.
Confederate Veteran.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Cotton.
Country Life in America.
Craftsman.
Cummulative Book Index.
Current Literature.
Delineator.
Deutsche Rundschau.
Dial.
Drama.
Dramatic Mirror.
Dramatist.
Edinburgh Review.
Editor.
Education.
Educational Foundations.
Educational Review.
Electrical Review and Western Electrician.
Electrical World.
Engineering Magazine.
Engineering News.
Engineering and Mining Journal.
Engineering Record.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Etude.
Everybody's Magazine.
Field and Stream.
Fliegendre Blatter.
Forest and Stream.
Fortnightly Review.
Forum.
Foundry.
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Good Housekeeping.
Graphic.

Hampton's Magazine.
Harper's Bazar.
Harper's Monthly Magazine.
Harper's Weekly.
Health Culture.
Hibbert Journal.
House Beautiful.
Ice and Refrigeration.
Ilustracion Espanola Y Americana.
Illustrated London News.
Illustration.
Illustrazione Italiana.
Illustrirte Zeitung.
Independent.
International.
International Marine Engineering.
International Studio.
International Socialist Review.
Je Sais Tout.
Jewish Quarterly Review.
Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science.
Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology.
Journal of Political Economy.
Judge.
Kindergarten Primary Magazine.
Kindergarten Review.
Knowledge.
Ladies Home Journal.
Lectures pour tous.
Leslie's Weekly.
Library Journal.
Life.
Lippincott's Monthly Magazine.
Literary Digest.
Little Folks Cassino.
Living Age.
Lyceumite and Talent.
McClure's Magazine.
Manual Training Magazine.
Magazine Maker, etc.
Manufacturers Record.
Medical Brief.
Metal Industry.
Metal Worker.
Missionary Review of the World.

Municipal Engineering.
Municipal Journal and Engineer.
Munsey's Magazine.
Musical Courier.
Musician.
Nation.
National Geographic Magazine.
Nautical Gazette.
New England Magazine.
New York Teachers Monographs.
Nineteenth Century and After.
North American Review.
Open Court.
Outing Magazine.
Outlook, American.
Outlook, English.
Overland Monthly.
Pacific Monthly.
Pall Mall.
Pearson's Magazine.
Pedagogical Seminary.
Pernin's Stenographer.
Photographic Times.
Physical Culture.
Pitman's Journal.
Playground.
Poet-Lore.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Astronomy.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Primary Education.
Proceedings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Public.
Public Libraries.
Publishers' Weekly.
Puck.
Quarterly Review.
Readers Guide to Periodical Literature.
Revue Politique et Litteraire.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
Rudder.
Saint Nicholas.
Saturday Evening Post.
School Review.

Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
Scribner's Magazine.
School Arts Book.
Sewanee Review.
Single Tax Review.
South Atlantic Quarterly.
Southern Lumberman.
Strand.
Success.
Survey.
Technical World.
Textile World Record.
Theatre.
Uncle Remus Magazine.
Uber Land und Meer.
Violin World.
Vocational Education.
Vogue.
Watson's Magazine.
Westminster Review.
Wide World Magazine.
Woodworker.
Windsor Magazine.
World To-Day.
World's Work.
Youth's Companion.

GIFTS.

Alumni Bulletin, University of Virginia.
Annals of the Propagation of Faith.
Architectural Art and Its Allies.
Billboard.
Board of Trade and Engineering Journal. (Scranton.)
Bulletin of the Commercial League of America.
Catholic Churchman.
Century Path.
Chicago Banker.
Christian Science Journal.
Christian Science Sentinel.
Concrete.
Cuba Review.
Eastern and Western Review.

Emmanulist Herald.
Financial World.
Gregg Writer.
Gulf States Banker.
Herald of the Cross.
Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies.
Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.
Journal of Zoophily.
L'Athenee Louisianais.
Ladies Review.
Latin-America.
Louisiana Planter.
Louisiana State Board of Health Quarterly Bulletin.
Madame et Monsieur.
Matilda Zeigler Magazine.
Mines and Minerals.
Modern Sugar Planter.
National Farmer.
Newcomb Arcade.
New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal.
Out West.
Oysterman and Fisherman.
Piano Magazine.
Pittman's Journal.
Practical Engineer.
Progressive Farmer and Southern Farm Gazette.
Shorthand Writer.
Southern Buck.
Southern Lutheran.
Surburban Life.
Spencerian Magazine.
Teacher's Magazine.
Technology Architectural Review.
Theosophical Path.
Trade Index.
Trucker and Farmer.
Tulane Alumni Bulletin.
United Sons of Confederate Veterans Bulletin.
Vermonter.
Waste Trade Journal.

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lyn Institute of Arts and Sciences	12
lyn Public Library	5
n University	1
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rnia State Library	1
ridge Public Library	1
gie Hero Fund Commission	1
gie Library of Pittsburgh	1
go and Northwestern Railway Co.	1
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s, Henry & Co.	1

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Coventry Public Libraries	1
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Delaware State Library Commission	1
Detroit Board of Health	1
Detroit Public Library	13
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District of Columbia Public Library	13
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Dunn, Samuel O.	1
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Enoch Pratt Free Library	1
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Guayaquil Biblioteca	17
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Hall, W. W.	1
Hart, W. O.	9
Hartford Board of Park Commissioners	1
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Hinderer, C. T. A.	6
Jacksonville Free Public Library	13
Jersey City Free Public Library	7
John Crerar Library	1
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Joliet Public Library	4
Joseph Fels Fund Commission	1
Koretke, F. H.	1
Lake Mohonk Conference	3
Lelong, P. A.	1
Lincoln, Rixford J.	4
Los Angeles Public Library	2
Louisiana Homestead League Proceedings	1
Louisiana Music Teachers Association	1
Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	2

Louisiana State Board of Health	1
Louisiana State Library Association	1
Louisiana State Museum	1
Louisiana State University	6
Louisville Free Public Library	1
Lowell City Library	1
Lynn Public Library	1
McClurg, A. C. & Co.	1
Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	1
Manitowoc Public Library	1
Manufactures Record (Baltimore)	1
Marsden, Victor E.	1
Michigan State Board of Health	1
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Mississippi River Commission	1
Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Co.	1
National Business League of America	2
New Haven Public Library	1
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New Orleans Board of Commissioners of Prisons and Asylums	1
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New Orleans Board of Health	1
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New Orleans Charity Hospital	1
New Orleans City Park Improvement Ass'n.	2
New Orleans Cotton Exchange	3
New Orleans Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital	1
New Orleans Fire Insurance Patrol	1
New Orleans Fire Marshal	3
New Orleans Police Department	1
New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board	2
New Orleans Superintendent of Public Schools	20
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New York Association for the Blind	1
New York Department of Parks	1
New York Mercantile Library	1
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New York State Charities Aid Association	1
Norfolk Industrial Commission	1
North American Civic League for Immigrants	2
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.	2
Northwestern University Bulletin and Catalog	1
Oakland Chamber of Commerce	3
Oberlin College	1
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Peoria Public Library	2
Philadelphia Free Library	1
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Portland Public Library	1
Pratt Institute Free Library	5
Providence Public Library and Athenaeum	1
Reihl, John F.	1
Reynolds Library	1
Rosenberg Library	8
St. Joseph Public Library	1
St. Louis, City of	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association	1
St. Louis Public Library	3
Salem Public Library	13
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Simmons College	3
Spokane Public Library	1
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Supreme Court Reform League (Boston)	2
Syracuse Public Library	1
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Taunton Public Library	1
Tennessee Geological Survey	1
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United Daughters of the Confederacy, Louisiana Division	1
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University of Chicago	2
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Victoria (B. C.) Board of Trade	1
Walker, Albert H.	1
Waltham Public Library	1
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CENTRAL LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT, 1912.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—A review of the statistical reports from the several departments of the library for the year 1912 shows a growth that has out-stripped all reasonable anticipations. The circulation has increased nearly twenty per cent, a steady rise of over six thousand per month. We issued 472,868 books to 23,017 readers. The circulation of the Main Library was 243,352; Royal Branch, 65,904; Algiers Branch, 41,637; Napoleon Branch, 60,099, and Canal Branch, 61,876.

There are now in the library 117,273 volumes; of this number 88,561 are in the Main Library; 8,281 in the Royal Branch; 6,954 in the Algiers Branch; 6,665 in the Napoleon Branch, and 6,812 in the Canal Branch. During the year 8,205 volumes were added to our collection; 4,335 to the Main Library; 1,019 to Royal Branch, 970 to Algiers Branch; 962 to Napoleon Branch, and 919 to Canal Branch. Nearly a thousand volumes were worn out and discarded.

In addition to the borrowers who withdrew books for home use, there were about 91,480 readers who made use of the several reading rooms of the Main Library.

The buildings, furniture and grounds of the main and branch libraries are all in good condition and have required only a reasonable amount to maintain them properly.

The library force consists of a librarian and a staff of 26 ladies, a secretary, a stenographer, 4 pages, 2 clerks, a bookkeeper, auditor and 9 various other employees—or 46 employees all told.

The correspondence of the library has increased along with every other phase of our work, nearly five thousand pieces of mail signed by the librarian were sent out, in addi-

tion to a large number of circular letters, cards, bulletins and reports.

In every effort to make the library more useful to the community and to a larger number of our people, we are constantly embarrassed by lack of funds. That we are accomplishing the apparently impossible in conducting a main and four branch libraries in a city of 350,000 people, becomes painfully apparent when we consider that our appropriation from the city last year for maintenance was $35,500.00, while the city appropriation for the library of Los Angeles, a smaller city than ours, was $132,373.79. A comparison with the libraries of other cities of nearly the same size as ours shows that the amount of our maintenance is from one-third to one-fourth of that provided elsewhere. It is difficult to believe that the development of our library has been achieved under such adverse circumstances and indicates the possibility of attaining a degree of expansion that would be unprecedented if we had the same amount of money that is available for library work in other cities.

Mr. Carnegie has again come to our aid with a generous donation of $25,000 for an addition to the Main Library, and $25,000 for a colored branch.

MAIN LIBRARY.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

The circulation of the Main Library and Branches for the year was 472,868. This is an increase of about 72,500 over the circulation reported last year. The character of the books taken out for the last two years shows a steady and decided increase in the number of serious readers. One of the features of the work this year in this department that is especially pleasing, is the large increase in the call for books on all trades and manual occupations. If we can continue to increase the number of readers who are seeking to better themselves and fit themselves for more remunerative positions in the electric shops, in the foundry, at the

carpenter's bench, the plumbing shops and the drawing tables, we are accomplishing the most important work for which a public library is established.

The work with the pupils of the colleges and schools, public, private and denominational, has also been more satisfactory than even the excellent work of last year. The large amount of parallel reading and reference work required by these institutions has compelled most of the students to rely entirely on the library for their material.

There has been an unusual call for foreign drama; books on commission form of government; work with backward or unusual children and the study of Spanish.

Too many of the borrowers from the children's department have sought transfers to the adult department. The chief cause for this is, perhaps, that the juvenile room has been uncomfortably over crowded and the service, therefore, has not been as personal or thorough as the larger number of attendants in the stacks has permitted in the adult department.

There are nearly 50,000 books to which the readers have direct access.

We have continued, and will probably find it advisable to continue for several years more, our policy of placing a liberal number of attendants and pages in the stacks to aid the borrowers in finding desired books. It is the theory that with open shelves the borrower can find his own book quickly and to his own satisfaction. Our experience has, however, borne me out in my belief and corroborated the views of many of the libraries that the borrower can not only not find his book easily, but in most cases can not find it at all. In addition to not finding the book he is seeking, he displaces many books on the shelves and requires an attendant both to assist him and to straighten up, after he is gone, the books he has misplaced. A liberal number of attendants in the stacks has a great advantage in bringing us into personal relations with the borrower such as is possible in but few libraries of our size.

Our public catalogue has been made as simple as possible, with the result that our readers learn easily to use it and relieve the staff of much of the work that formerly fell upon them.

Each month, as usual, a list of books on some selected subject was compiled and the books included in the list were collected and placed upon conspicuous shelves as a means of suggesting certain lines of reading to our borrowers. The following monthly lists were offered during the year:

January—Biographies of musicians—stories of authors.
February—Discovery and exploration.
March—Railroad stories.
April—Municipal government.
May—Children and child-life.
June—Heredity.
July—Some famous queens of England and their times.
August—Canada.
September—Mexico, Central America and the West Indies.
October—South America.
November—Money and finance.
December—Short story.

We also compiled special lists on the Balkan States; Louisiana; Lee (school prize essay); Dickens and his centennial; J. W. Riley and his birthday celebration; Louisiana in the American Revolution (school prize essay), and Municipal Government by Commission.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. The library issues an adult borrower's card and a juvenile borrower's card, giving to each borrower the privilege of drawing books from the Main Library and one branch. There is issued also a deposit card and a teacher's card permitting a teacher to withdraw and keep for thirty days five books



READING ROOM.

on non-fiction in addition to the two books taken out on the regular card. In the months of June, July, August and September, there is issued a Summer Card which enables borrowers who are going out of the city to take with them six volumes of non-fiction and four volumes of fiction.

There are now in force 23,017 regular cards. Of this number 6,574 were issued this year. In addition to the regular cards, 478 teachers' cards were issued, and during the summer 63 summer cards were in use.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference library has been for three years so cramped for space that its further development was almost impossible, there was room neither for books nor the readers. The addition to our building that is now under construction will, however, in a few months provide us the much-needed relief.

The character of work in this department has not materially changed in any of its features. Its patrons are of about the same class and their work of about the same nature as last year, with the single exception that it is beginning, together with the circulating department, to include among its readers a fair number of mechanics.

Some of the titles added to the collection in 1912 are:

AMERICAN AND JEWISH YEAR BOOK, 12.

American Library Association.—Catalog. 1904-1911.

Bates, Alfred, and others., eds.—Drama, its history, literature and influence on civilization. 20v.

Belisle, Alexandre.—Histoire de la press Franco-Americaine.

Blucher, H.—Modern industrial chemistry.

Brewer, D. J. and others.—World's best orations. 10v.

Caproni, P. P.—Catalogue of plaster reproductions.

Cassell and Co.—Cyclopædia of photography.

Catholic encyclopedia; ed. by C. S. Hebermann and others. 12v.

Clifford, C. R.—Period furnishings.

Ellwood, G. M.—English furniture and decoration. 1680-1800.

Encyclopedia of religion and ethics; ed. by James Hastings and others. v. 4.

Fleming, W. L., ed.—General W. T. Sherman as college president.

Hager, C. E., Comp.—Public lands and how to secure them.

Halsey, R. V.—Forgotten books of the American nursery.

Hammond, C. S.—Commercial and library atlas of the world.

Horning, L. E. and Burpee, L. J.—Bibliography of Canadian fiction. (English).

Hottenroth, Frederick.—Costume chez les peuples anciens et modernes.

James, C. C.—Bibliography of canadian poetry. (English).

Kent, William.—Methanical engineers' pocket-book.

Kidder, F. E.—Architect's and builder's pocket-book.

Koch, Alexander.—Schmuck und edelmetall-arbeiten.

Library of the world's best literature; ed. by C. D. Warner and others. 46v.

Lord, John.—Beacon lights of history. 15v.

Louisiana Board of Health.—Sanitary code, state of Louisiana.

Louisiana Department of Agriculture.—Forest exhibit in the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition.

Manufacturer's Record.—Thirty years of Southern upbuilding.

Merriman, Mansfield, and others.—American civil engineers' pocket-book.

Negro year book and annual encyclopedia of the negro. 1912.

New Schaff-Herzog encyclopedia of religious knowledge; ed. by S. M. Jackson. v. 12.

New York: Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee.—Hudson-Fulton celebration. 2v.

Nield, Jonathan.—Guide to the best historical novels and tales.

Norton, Mrs. Clara (Mulliken) and others.—Modern drama and opera.

Planche, J. R.—Cyclopædia of costumes. 2v.

Ragunet, A.—Materiaux et documents. 10v.

Rogers, H. J., ed.—Congress of arts and sciences. 8v.

Rosenthal, H. S.—Building, loan and savings associations, how to organize and successfully conduct them.

Sandier, Alex.—Cartons de la manufacture nationale de sevres.

Singer, Berthold.—Patent and trade mark laws of the world.

Thomas, H. H.—Complete gardener.

Thompson, T. P.—Index to collection of American relating principally to Louisiana art and miscellanea.

Trautwine, J. C.—Civil Engineer's pocket-book.

United States, Bibliography Division Library of Congress. —Select list of references on sugar.

United States, Division of Music Library of Congress.—Orchestral music catalogue.

Universal anthology; ed. by Richard Garnett and others. 33v.

Universal Classics Library. 26v.

Velazquez de la Cadena, Marians, comp.—New pronouncing dictionary of the Spanish and English languages.

Verneuil, P.—Etude de la plante.

Warren, Charles.—History of the American bar.

The magazine collection was increased by the addition of 326 bound volumes and the general collection by 282 volumes. There are now in the Reference Room 8,476 volumes.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Newspaper Room, that is nearly always overcrowded, will share with the Children's Department and the Reference Department in the benefits of the annex. The new room will be about twice the size of the present one. The

entrance will be from the south end of the building, on Calliope Street, and its users will be able to enter and leave without going into any other part of the building. We receive 71 newspapers, 15 of these are gifts. All of the local papers are given to the library by their publishers, most of them giving us two copies of each issue.

Local papers are kept for two years and papers from other cities six months. The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 41,922.

The apse of the principal reading room is used as a magazine room. We receive 284 magazines, 54 of these are gifts. United States, State and local documents and library publications are not included in this number. The attendance in the magazine and general reading room was 44,334.

UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

Each year it seems to be more difficult to get the reports of State and local officials. This year we secured only two bound volumes of State documents and one of city documents; seventy pamphlet reports of State officials; eight of city officials; two bound volumes, and thirteen pamphlet reports of miscellaneous public boards.

As a United States depository library we received 237 bound volumes and 1,815 pamphlets. The use of the public documents has been increasing year by year, and we are fully satisfied that we have spent our time well in the effort to complete our collection and put it in such condition as will enable us to render prompt and thorough service to its users.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The number of boys and girls who draw books from the juvenile department is only 2,000, but they make such constant use of this branch of the library that they overcrowded their room and forced us to encroach on the general reading room and take enough space to provide for



CHILDREN'S ROOM

about thirty readers and 1,500 books. A large number of adults, especially teachers, are regular borrowers from the juvenile collection, and an unusually large number of children whose parents do not wish them to have library cards are frequent readers. The attendants in charge report an ever-growing demand by their readers for assistance in doing reference work for the schools.

The increased circulation has made it necessary for a page to be taken from the stack force and sent to the juvenile room for a part of each evening.

We attempted only two exhibitions. The one on the centennial of the birth of Dickens was the most elaborate and complete that we have yet had. A number of original drawings illustrating Dickens' works were loaned us by the publisher. Illustrations of many different editions and samples of editions from the cheapest to the most costly and elegant were loaned by publishers and dealers. Titles in fifteen different languages were shown, together with specimens of nearly all of the well-known illustrators of Dickens, copies of a part of the Christmas Books printed on silk, brass figures representing well-known characters, a fine marble bust of Dickens, numerous pictures of him, autograph letters and letters from his publishers to him.

The Christmas Carol was being played that week at one of the theatres and this naturally increased the number of the visitors to our exhibit. Our other display was the usual well-trimmed and lighted Christmas Tree and the evergreen and holly decorations for the entire room.

Some of our picture bulletins have been excellent. They have covered a wide range and seem to be effective in their purpose of suggesting to the young readers certain subjects and certain books without any apparent direction on the part of the attendant. Among the bulletins displayed were several on Athletics, Audubon, Birds, Carnival, Christmas, the Confederacy, Country Homes, Easter, Explorers, Flags, Indians, Fourth of July, King Arthur, Louisiana Centennial, Inland Waterways and the Mississippi Valley, Battle of New Orleans, Valentine Day, Boy Scouts, Summer

Vacation on the Farm, In the Mountains and At the Seashore, Outdoor Sports, Thanksgiving, Washington, Hallowe'en, United States Navy, Woodrow Wilson and James Whitcomb Riley.

The story hour was conducted in both the Main Library and the Branches by Miss Eleanor Payne, Mrs. A. Nathans, Miss Josephine Richardson, Miss Ida Barnett and Miss Eleanor Pierson. These ladies are members of the recently organized Story Tellers' League and voluntarily offered their services for this work.

The character of books used is about the same as last year. The same books or books of the same nature that were most popular last year are also still the favorites. There are 7,376 books in the juvenile department, and the annual circulation was 68,552.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The policy of the Board in allowing a slight increase in the salaries of the assistants assigned to aid the cataloguer has resulted in several requests for transfers to that department, and instead of facing a crisis with no cataloguers we will probably have ample assurance of sufficient workers. The cataloguer has now two assistants and two who work half a day in preparation for admittance as full assistants. Each morning for half an hour the cataloguer conducts a class for her four assistants. This is all the training in library work that any of them have had, and is, of course, insufficient and work does not progress as rapidly as the department would like to see it do.

Nearly all absentees of the several departments are replaced from the catalogue room. As the number of absences this year was unusually large, the work of the cataloguer has been sadly impeded. It is to be regretted that no arrangement has been yet made to relieve this department of such a burden. In spite of this handicap, we accessioned and catalogued 8,205 books, revised catalogues and prepared matter for 150 printed columns of the Quarterly Bulletin.

There were nearly 1,000 discards, 60 lost books paid for and 140 lost books not paid for. The accessioned gifts numbered 332.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

Our attendants mended 2,052 books and bound 198 pamphlets and 723 books. We sent to the binders 1,716 volumes to be rebound and 400 to be bound from the sheets.

STAFF.

Again this year we did not have many changes in the staff. Miss Davey resigned. Miss Ducros resigned and was replaced in the juvenile department by Mrs. Haggerty. Mrs. Eustis was away on a six months' leave of absence and was temporarily replaced by Miss Langwith; Miss Collins being temporarily transferred from the Algiers Branch to the Main Library. One of the most difficult tasks that confronts the librarian each year is due to the omission of substitutes from our plan of library management. The absence of one attendant frequently causes the shifting of two or three of the other employees in order to do the work of the absentee without the crippling of another part of the service. When three or four are absent at one time the whole force has to be shifted from their regular positions, their hours of work disarranged and several times we have been almost compelled to close some of the departments. This unsatisfactory way of working is both discouraging to our staff and annoying to the public. I recommend that the Board provide for some system of substitutes. The examination shortly to be held will furnish us a list of eligibles, each one of whom could be appointed a substitute. They can be called on in rotation in time of need. This plan will be of some slight financial benefit to them and at the same time enable them to gain some library experience that will make them more useful when they secure positions in the

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries; this has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 1 p. m. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 m. to December 26th 9 a. m.; December 31st from 12 m. to January 2nd, 9 a. m.; and, at 5 p. m. the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.

BRANCHES.

When the branches were established it was not the purpose of the Board that they should be developed into large collections of books, but rather that they should be large enough to serve only their immediate neighborhood. The buildings were designed and equipped to contain about six thousand volumes and reading space for twenty-five or thirty readers. By granting to each branch borrower the additional privilege of withdrawing books from the main collection when he desired a book not in his branch, we hoped that the branches would be able to meet the demands that would be made on them. Our experience has been quite the contrary. The presence of a library, no matter how small, has stimulated and increased the desire for reading and the branches are proving to be much too small, both in the scope and number of volumes each contains. We have learned by experience and the last branch built is large enough to accommodate a collection of at least twenty thousand volumes.

A high school building has been erected within three squares of the Napoleon Branch. We are divided between pleasure at the resulting increase in the circulation of the



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branch and distress at its inadequacy to meet the demands of the students.

The work of the branches is very simple as all technical work, even to the copying of shelf list and catalogue cards is done at the main library. The character of work in the branches is the same from year to year; Algiers Branch, however, has made an unusually earnest effort to interest more children in the library, and Napoleon Branch to encourage the practice of reading in the library building.

There are now 28,712 books in the four branches, nearly a thousand volumes were added to each collection during the year. There are 12,647 branch borrowers, to whom were issued 229,516 books.

CONCLUSION.

The rapid growth of the library in the last few years should be a matter of pride to everyone connected with its work. In six years we have nearly doubled our collection of books, increased our circulation to nearly five times what it was, erected and established four branches, and are preparing to build a fifth, built a magnificent main building calculated to be large enough for us for twenty-five years, outgrown it and been compelled to add an annex that increases our working space one-third. This exceptional growth points plainly to the fact that where such progress has been made there is opportunity for more. At all times and in every move we have felt the impeding and crushing weight of lack of funds.. Without the slightest fear of contradiction I state that our library has to meet more demands and do more work than any other library in the United States that receives as little money for its support as we do. I make this statement not as a boast, but, instead, to show that we have done much with little, that much more remains to be done, that from our past record we may be trusted to meet our obligations fully in accomplishing the still greater work if you, the council who allots us our means of support, will but give us an amount adequate to our great needs.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 12, 1913.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, JANUARY 9, 1913.

ASSETS.

MAIN LIBRARY—		
Cost to date	$208,366.75	
Site	60,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	24,491.95	
		$292,858.70
ROYAL BRANCH—		
Cost to date	15,987.64	
Site	5,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1,655.35	
		22,642.99
ALGIERS BRANCH—		
Cost to date	17,185.00	
Site	5,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1,165.51	
		23,351.01
NAPOLEON BRANCH—		
Cost to date	17,528.72	
Site	5,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1,423.07	
		23,951.79
CANAL BRANCH—		
Cost to date	25,454.80	
Site	9,000.00	
Furniture and fixtures	2,178.25	
		36,633.05
Bourbon Street property		38,000.00
Books		157,543.60
City of N. O. Constitutional Bonds		37,000.00
Cash in bank		3,687.62
Total assets		$635,668.76
Liabilities		None

P. A. LELONG,

Secretary and Treasurer, N. O. Public Library.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1911.....		$652.51
To Children's Room Fund Balance from 1911.		2,000.00
City of New Orleans Appropriation 1912.....	$35,500.00	
City of New Orleans Special Appropriation for Children's Room Fund, 1912...	2,000.00	
Interest on deposits.....	28.79	
Bourbon Street Property, rent.	3,475.02	
Lecture Room.....	10.00	
Sales of Waste Paper.....	12.00	
Fines and Catalogues—		
Main Library.....	1,932.04	
Royal Branch Library....	265.27	
Algiers Branch Library..	138.48	
Napoleon Branch Library.	329.29	
Canal Branch Library....	232.78	
		$43,923.67
		$46,576.18

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$7,776.22	
Periodicals	818.30	
Binding	1,407.16	
Lighting	1,146.26	
Heating	132.30	
Printing and Stationery.....	915.07	
Salaries, Main Library.....	18,504.35	
Bills Payable, Note, N. O. National Bank.....	750.00	
Children's Room Fund—		
Paid Architects, D. O. & G., Ltd. $932.20		
Paid Daily States, Adv. for Bids. 24.37		
	956.57	
		$32,406.23

Sundries, as Follows—

Gardener, Main Library...	$252.00	
Porters' Salaries.....	833.00	
Telephone Service.....	48.00	
One Marble Pedestal.....	200.00	
Miscellaneous Items.....	1,273.68	
		2,606.

ROYAL BRANCH—

Salaries	$1,696.65	
Lighting	158.70	
Heating	38.00	
Printing and Stationery..	27.22	
Binding	78.52	
Gardener	48.00	
Miscellaneous Items.....	150.65	
		2,197.

ALGIERS BRANCH—

Salaries	$1,621.50	
Lighting	133.80	
Heating	55.00	
Printing and Stationery..	13.43	
Binding	10.15	
Gardener	36.00	
Miscellaneous Items.....	134.95	
		2,004.1

NAPOLEON BRANCH—

Salaries	$1,652.00	
Lighting	92.88	
Heating	54.80	
Printing and Stationery...	23.50	
Binding	93.20	
D. H. Holmes Co., Ltd., for Shades	50.00	
Miscellaneous Items.....	97.89	
		2,064.2



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NAPOLEON BRANCH—Interior

CANAL BRANCH—

Salaries	$1,680.00	
Lighting	152.94	
Heating	72.50	
Printing and Stationery	20.61	
Binding	3.85	
Gardener	37.25	
F. H. Koretke Brass & Mfg. Co. for 1 Tablet	50.00	
Miscellaneous Items	191.95	
		2,209.10
Total expenditures		$43,488.85

Balance in Banks—

Whitney-Central National Bank:		
Account Children's Room Fund	$3,043.43	
Account General Fund	27.74	
	$3,071.17	
New Orleans National Bank:		
Account General Fund	16.16	
		$3,087.33
January 9, 1913		$46,576.18

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund, balance from 1911	$31.13
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,475.00
	$1,506.13

EXPENDITURES.

Books	905.84
Balance	$600.29
January 9, 1913—Balance in N. O. National Bank	600.29

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 9, 1913.

P. A. LELONG,
Secretary and Treasurer, N. O. Public Library.

Examined and found correct:

CHAS. E. WERMUTH,
Certified Public Accountant.

NEW ORLEANS, January 10, 1913.

CIRCULATION IN 1912.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
Home Use.....	195,767	50,939	32,148	52,282	49,455	380,591
Library Use.....	47,585	14,965	9,489	7,817	12,421	92,277
Totals.....	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	472,868

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897-1912.

TABLE 2.

1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697	110,274
1905.	**1906.**	**1907.**	**1908.**	**1909.**	**1910.**	**1911.**	**1912**
99,100	98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057	350,746	400,397	472,868

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1912.

TABLE 3.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
American Origin...	6,746	6,069	6,684	6,771	7,136	6,817	7,056	6,301	5,800	6,366	6,301	5,811	77,858
English Origin.....	3,355	3,210	3,460	3,384	3,467	3,358	3,708	3,103	2,729	2,985	2,834	2,461	38,054
German Origin....	147	170	190	165	161	176	182	167	130	151	154	181	1,974
French Origin.....	519	523	596	571	577	527	551	562	492	507	491	445	6,361
Italian Origin.....	34	25	35	17	23	32	41	16	26	20	16	18	303
Spanish Origin....	30	43	49	39	52	40	54	49	35	37	48	26	502
Minor Languages..	41	22	35	13	19	47	45	49	58	65	35	36	465
Totals.....	10,872	10,062	11,049	10,960	11,435	10,997	11,637	10,272	9,270	10,131	9,879	8,978	125,517



ROYAL BRANCH

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1912.

TABLE 4.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
American Origin...	2,826	2,454	3,043	2,692	3,063	2,890	3,065	2,673	2,227	2,293	2,745	2,715	32,686
English Origin....	372	356	532	564	579	485	484	489	440	463	524	401	5,689
German Origin....	34	24	21	22	55	42	16	24	35	20	35	63	391
French Origin.....	21	18	23	12	67	50	56	33	26	48	70	33	457
Italian Origin.....	13	7	0	0	0	6	4	0	16	0	12	0	58
Spanish Origin....	6	4	19	64	27	4	13	0	8	24	0	3	172
Minor Languages..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Totals.....	3,272	2,863	3,638	3,354	3,791	3,477	3,638	3,219	2,752	2,848	3,390	3,215	39,457

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1912.

TABLE 5.

	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
American Origin	110,544	103,454	98,985	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942
English Origin	43,743	45,506	45,651	39,585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
German Origin	2,365	3,026	3,980	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin	6,818	7,051	7,559	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Italian Origin	361	475	344	284	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin	674	303	339	350	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages	469	520	518	631	397	485	383	441
Totals	164,974	160,335	157,376	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1912.

TABLE 6.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
General Works....	704	635	862	867	929	531	472	431	444	618	636	542	7,671
Philosophy	69	108	166	119	155	123	129	89	69	107	119	121	1,374
Religion	115	98	120	96	90	87	85	60	54	95	104	115	1,119
Sociology	463	440	530	482	589	353	402	313	283	393	465	416	5,129
Philology	154	137	217	183	200	106	106	102	95	192	194	175	1,861
Natural Science....	171	144	142	162	198	128	122	118	113	197	174	132	1,801
Useful Arts.....	280	242	324	284	242	211	201	218	169	231	235	261	2,898
Fine Arts.....	242	213	292	220	183	144	186	165	102	181	193	166	2,287
Literature	1,178	1,103	1,408	1,347	1,179	879	816	606	526	1,003	1,255	1,060	12,360
History, Travel, Biography	1,347	1,240	1,379	1,168	1,158	876	954	708	646	1,069	1,288	953	12,786
Totals.....	4,723	4,360	5,440	4,928	4,923	3,438	3,473	2,810	2,501	4,086	4,663	3,941	49,286

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1912.

TABLE 7.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
General Works....	69	41	26	7	1	6	5	0	0	8	12	0	175
Philosophy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Religion	107	83	110	139	197	110	76	75	123	218	299	226	1,763
Sociology	770	829	1,126	1,099	1,155	1,059	1,166	1,049	880	881	1,067	1,006	12,087
Philology	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Natural Science....	69	68	96	122	200	144	167	78	221	178	170	146	1,659
Useful Arts.....	48	72	76	130	121	152	126	82	130	100	135	65	1,237
Fine Arts.....	117	107	170	209	330	259	224	119	191	219	256	140	2,341
Literature	315	302	339	337	380	351	319	252	261	253	331	292	3,732
History, Travel, Biography	534	523	570	471	617	469	434	345	422	556	681	473	6,095
Totals.....	**2,029**	**2,025**	**2,515**	**2,514**	**3,001**	**2,550**	**2,517**	**2,001**	**2,228**	**2,413**	**2,951**	**2,348**	**29,092**



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CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1912.

TABLE 8.

	1912.	1911	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.
General Works	7,846	9,406	9,930	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	1,375	1,197	1,403	932	728	576	661	746
Religion	2,282	2,964	2,407	1,901	887	668	616	822
Sociology	17,216	12,777	9,975	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	1,863	1,867	1,585	1,209	636	689	183	270
Natural Science	3,460	2,820	2,687	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts	4,135	3,830	3,224	2,640	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts	4,628	3,772	3,231	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature	16,092	14,133	10,745	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel, Biography	18,881	19,656	15,584	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals	78,378	72,422	60,771	50,831	25,977	21,181	17,690	20,180

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1912.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin.....	18,454	12,941	21,941	22,300	75,636
English Origin	10,914	6,034	12,575	9,811	39,334
German Origin	811	211	565	621	2,208
French Origin	6,834	356	883	1,296	9,369
Italian Origin	267	36	35	34	372
Spanish Origin	265	19	37	18	339
Minor Languages	73	18	153	109	353
Totals	37,618	19,615	36,189	34,189	127,611

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1912.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin	9,728	7,783	10,172	10,555	38,238
English Origin	1,780	1,241	1,253	1,841	6,115
German Origin	81	50	61	170	362
French Origin	348	18	20	95	481
Italian Origin	5	7	9	63	84
Spanish Origin	6	7	6	126	145
Minor Languages	4	0	0	0	4
Totals	11,952	9,106	11,521	12,850	45,429

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1912.

TABLE 11.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
General Works	1,920	672	628	770	3,990
Religion	161	147	183	80	571
Philosophy	102	63	142	105	412
Sociology	556	276	410	366	1,608
Philology	163	61	139	257	620
Natural Science	302	148	307	270	1,027
Useful Arts	259	484	315	232	1,290
Fine Arts	346	139	246	288	1,019
Literature	1,808	795	1,546	1,240	5,389
History, Travel, Biography	1,515	667	1,379	1,070	4,681
Totals	7,132	3,452	5,295	4,678	20,557



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TABLE 12.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
General Works	0	4	0	35	39
Philosophy	0	22	0	0	22
Religion	753	564	535	868	2,720
Sociology	4,373	4,565	3,861	4,357	17,156
Philology	0	4	0	0	4
Natural Science	151	204	100	597	1,052
Useful Arts	205	143	194	469	1,011
Fine Arts	688	367	411	941	2,407
Literature	767	1,233	452	1,266	3,718
History, Travel, Biography	2,265	2,358	1,541	1,626	7,790
Totals	9,202	9,464	7,094	10,159	35,919

ANNUAL CIRCULATION BRANCHES, 1908-1912.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	Totals
Royal Branch..	57,080	61,632	61,381	61,566	65,904	307,563
Algiers Branch.	37,004	29,017	32,905	37,007	41,637	177,570
Napoleon Brch.	36,679	45,447	38,313	51,138	60,099	231,676
Canal Branch..				17,929	61,876	79,805

TABLE 17.

	Guarantee	Deposits	Totals 1912	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	800	38	838	859	704	851	686	266	255	307
February	595	72	667	744	733	659	751	222	269	326
March	698	32	730	805	960	819	780	230	344	301
April	521	15	536	660	689	745	640	261	242	246
May	463	26	489	578	776	603	715	269	276	218
June	526	17	543	583	680	641	530	194	285	280
July	504	17	521	699	768	681	622	248	413	350
August	411	10	421	697	752	601	579	284	355	364
September	316	8	324	1,000	575	439	467	212	339	364
October	476	18	494	858	690	595	433	472	353	306
November	444	29	473	703	649	633	985	460	255	283
December	337	25	362	681	641	477	683	516	253	196
Totals	6,091	307	6,398	8,864	8,617	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number in 1912—23,017 cards were in use.
" " in 1911—17,130 cards were in use.
" " in 1910—17,044 cards were in use.
" " in 1909—15,172 cards were in use.
" " in 1908—11,391 cards were in use.
" " in 1907— 7,186 cards were in use.
" " in 1906— 7,185 cards were in use.
" " in 1905— 6,740 cards were in use.

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1912.
TABLE 15.

	Purchased	Gifts	Totals 1912	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	494	35	529	420	297	297	2,038	218	105	560
February	521	113	634	939	317	322	906	296	130	360
March	483	87	590	789	768	345	641	223	103	240
April	641	9	650	578	313	321	844	311	342	370
May	570	41	611	1,378	578	418	748	172	240	340
June	688	2	690	1,345	534	453	622	251	80	245
July	440	24	464	899	501	331	418	641	288	278
August	436	8	444	1,217	208	273	363	2,162	93	106
September	476	6	482	485	592	265	331	834	254	240
October	1,018	3	1,021	1,223	639	552	202	1,189	237	530
November	975	4	979	810	351	222	607	2,845	139	444
December	1,131	4	1,131	1,010	681	238	1,235	3,006	113	200
Totals	**7,960**	**332**	**8,205**	**11,093**	**5,779**	**4,038**	**8,955**	**12,148**	**2,124**	**3,921**



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CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED.
1905-1912.
TABLE 16.

	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	384	441	305	290	543	370	173	125
Philosophy	70	80	63	17	48	74	31	73
Religion	130	219	113	34	89	161	34	112
Sociology	675	572	590	211	380	817	135	267
Philology	38	76	72	11	95	63	13	55
Natural Science	90	231	139	21	180	365	39	183
Useful Arts	269	283	214	71	279	399	87	170
Fine Arts	102	225	166	40	98	266	25	134
Literature	1,595	1,625	598	286	1,081	909	144	422
Travel	244	300	191	158	228	439		
Biography	251	318	254	121	373	539		
History	373	564	298	255	438	820	290	631
Fiction	3,974	6,159	2,776	2,523	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749
Totals	8,205	11,093	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,488	2,124	3,921

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.
MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES, 1912
TABLE 17.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
January	$ 176.25	$ 20.68	$ 14.10	$ 26.70	$ 19.26	$ 256.99
February	184.37	24.72	11.50	31.72	18.58	270.89
March	176.19	26.56	17.00	21.83	22.16	263.74
April	159.78	20.97	11.00	26.91	22.38	241.04
May	182.25	25.05	13.46	27.08	24.46	272.30
June	147.19	18.57	10.32	24.71	21.14	221.93
July	154.86	18.60	14.36	27.28	19.94	235.04
August	134.82	19.03	6,28	26.34	16.80	203.27
September	128.87	19.38	6.26	22.79	15.86	193.16
October	140.20	22.69	9.88	27.30	3.26	203.43
November	163.73	22.24	11.34	31.53	21.50	250.34
December	183.43	26.78	12.98	35.10	27.44	285.73
Totals	**$1,931.94**	**$265.27**	**$138.48**	**$329.29**	**$232.78**	**$2,897.86**

In addition to the above amount, the sum of $15.14 was received from the sale of waste paper, from Auditorium and Conference Room rents.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS, 1907-1912.

TABLE 18.

	WEEK DAYS		SUNDAYS		TOTALS					
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
January	4,541	5,874	236	281	10,932	11,631	9,417	10,289	7,412	5,337
February	4,829	4,952	234	279	10,294	9,664	9,211	8,924	6,659	5,104
March	4,743	5,142	280	334	10,499	10,571	7,264	10,379	6,108	4,576
April	3,971	3,181	138	168	7,458	6,615	5,767	7,882	5,420	4,214
May	3,517	2,687	170	190	6,564	6,551	6,300	7,288	5,234	3,586
June	3,191	2,430	190	222	6,033	5,074	6,354	6,493	4,226	3,411
July	3,001	2,979	127	199	6,306	5,488	5,542	6,790	4,106	2,082
August	2,889	2,336	118	182	5,525	6,685	7,137	6,047	4,035	3,071
September	2,724	2,065	127	246	5,162	5,957	7,546	5,181	3,983	2,036
October	3,175	3,405	210	216	7,006	7,376	8,531	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	3,916	3,200	248	247	7,611	8,372	9,003	6,533	8,075	4,705
December	3,837	3,671	235	347	8,090	8,948	10,317	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals	44,334	41,922	2,318	2,911	91,480	92,932	92,389	89,877	68,330	47,672

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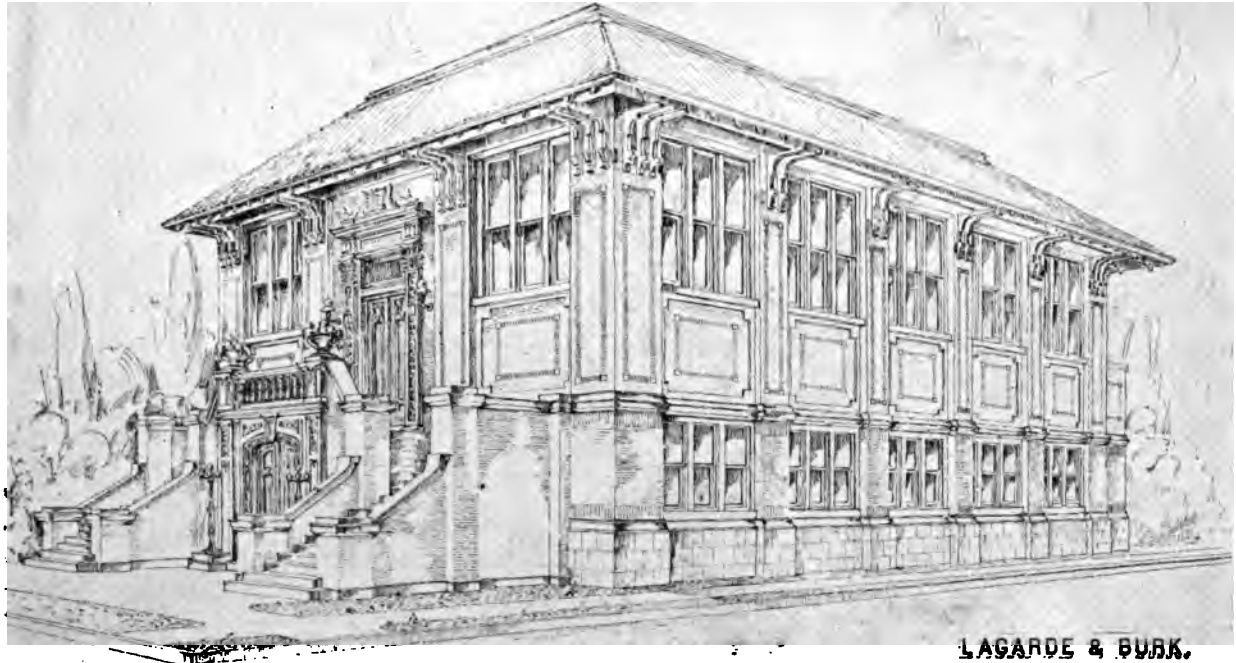
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Manufactures Record.
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Medical Brief.
Metal Industry.
Metal Worker.
Methodist Review.
Milk Reporter.
Missionary Review of the World.
Monetary Record.
Motor.
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Moving Picture World.
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Munsey's Magazine.
Musician.
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Nation.
National Educational Proceedings and Addresses.
National Geographic Magazine.
National Municipal Review.
National Waterways.
Nautical Gazette.
New England Magazine.
New York Teachers Monographs.
Nineteenth Century and After.
North American Review.
Open Court.
Outing Magazine.
Outlook American.
Outlook English.
Overland Monthly.
Pall Mall.
Pearson's Magazine.
Pedagogical Seminary.
Pernin's Stenographer.
Photographic Times.
Physical Culture.
Pitman's Journal.
Plant World.
Playground.
Plumber's Trade Journal.
Poet-Lore.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Astronomy.
Popular Mechanics.

Popular Science Monthly.
Petaluma Weekly.
Poultry Journal.
Poultry Review.
Power Wagon.
Primary Education.
Proceedings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Psychological Clinic.
Public.
Public Libraries.
Publishers' Weekly.
Puck.
Quarterly Journal of Economics.
Quarterly Review.
Readers Guide to Periodical Literature.
Readers Guide Supplement.
Review of Exposition.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
Revue Politique et Litteraire.
Rice Journal and Southern Farmer.
Rough Notes.
Rudder.
Saint Nicholas.
Saturday Evening Post.
School Arts Magazine.
School Review.
Science.
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Scribner's Magazine.
Sewanee Review.
Single Tax Review.
South Atlantic Quarterly.
Southern Banker.
Southern Fancier.
Southern Fruit Grower.
Southern Farmer
Southern Lumberman.
Southern Poultry Journal.
Southern Tobacco Journal.
Southwest.
Sphere. Eng. ed.
State and Local Taxation.
Strand.

Survey.
Technical World.
Textile World Record.
Theatre.
Uber Land und Meer.
United States Official Postal Guide.
Violin World.
Vocational Education.
Vogue.
Watson's Magazine.
Westminster Review.
Wide World Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
Woodworker.
World's Work.
Youth's Companion.

GIFTS.

Aeronautics.
Alumni Bulletin, University of Virginia.
Annals of the Propagation of the Faith.
Architectural Art and Its Allies.
Benziger Magazine.
Bill Board.
Colliery Engineer.
Catholic Churchman.
Challenge.
Chicago Banker.
Christian Science Journal
Christian Science Sentinel.
Club Woman's Magazine.
Commercial Law League of America.
Concrete and Cement Age.
Congressional Record.
Cuba Review.
Eastern and Western Review.
Emmanualist Herald.
Extension.
Gregg Writer.
Gulf States Banker.
Herald of the Cross.
Household Journal and Floral Life.
Hygiene and the Child.
Jersey Bulletin and Dairy World.



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Journal of Association of Engineers.
Journal of Zoophily.
Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.
L'Athenee Louisianais.
Ladies Review.
Latin-America.
Louisiana Planter.
Louisiana State Board of Health Bulletin.
Louisiana State University Bulletin.
Matilda Zeigler Magazine.
Maxwell's Talisman.
Mercurio.
Modern Sugar Planter.
National Civic Federation Review.
National Farmer.
New Citizen.
Newcomb Arcade.
New England Conservatory Review.
New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal.
Oysterman and Fisherman.
Pan American Magazine.
Pan American Union.
Panama Canal Record.
Pittman's Journal.
Progressive Farmer and Southern Farm Gazette.
Scranton Board of Trade and Engineering Journal.
Southern Buck.
Southern Lutheran.
Spirit of the Missions.
Stuffed Club.
Sunset the Pacific.
Technology Architectural Review.
Texas and Pacific Quarterly.
Theosophical Path.
Theosophical Quarterly.
Trade Index.
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Walter, A. H.	1
Wespy, Prof. F. W.	37
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volumes was increased this year by 10,978 additions; 5,357 to the Main Library; 1,475 to Royal Branch; 1,322 to Algiers Branch; 1,459 to Napoleon Branch, and 1,365 to Canal Branch. Very few books were worn out and discarded, the total number was about one thousand.

There were 76,003 persons who made use of the several reading rooms of the Main Library.

The librarian sent out from his office 6,150 signed pieces of mail, besides the usual mass of unsigned matter.

The woodwork and the exposed metal of the exterior of the branches, except Canal Branch, need painting. The upper windows, the light standards of the Main Library also need painting and the front doors revarnishing. In all other respects I find our buildings in excellent condition.

A large annex has been added to the rear portion of the Main Library and the shelf capacity of the Royal Branch, Algiers Branch and Napoleon Branch has been increased about twenty per cent. The Staff numbers the same as last year, and includes the librarian, assistant librarian, a corps of twenty-five library assistants, a secretary, a stenographer, four pages, two clerks, a bookkeeper and nine other employees, or forty-five in all.

We have felt the lack of money more this year than ever before. While all of the expenses of the annex were defrayed from the gift of Mr. Carnegie, many incidental expenses were incurred that had to come from our annual alimony. I have included the following table in the hope that the comparison of New Orleans with six cities most nearly approximating to it in population will induce our Commission Council to endeavor next year to better provide for us. I believe that in justice to us this comparison should also be made to show how well we have administered our meager resources and have built up and maintained a circulation which, while not as large as it should be, still has grown steadily until it is now ten times as large as it was fifteen years ago. If in the next fifteen years its in-



MAIN LIBRARY REFERENCE ROOM.

UNIV. OF MICH.



crease shall be only one-third as great as that of the past decade and a half, we may well be satisfied:

Cities Smaller Than New Orleans.	Population 1910.	Appropriation Expended for Maintenance 1912 or 1913.
New Orleans	339,075	$ 44,395
Washington, D. C	331,069	68,305
Los Angeles	319,198	170,133
Minneapolis	301,408	138,900

Cities Larger Than New Orleans.	Population 1910.	Appropriation Expended for Maintenance 1912 or 1913.
Milwaukee	373,857	$142,042
Cincinnati	364,463	165,461
Newark, N. J	347,469	128,750

The character of our work has differed so little from that of the preceding year that a report upon it must necessarily present a familiar aspect. Until the amount of money allotted to the library is increased this condition will continue and we shall be unable to employ any new means of increasing our usefulness or extending our influence. In fact we can do nothing to stimulate greater public interest in the library nor are we able even to properly meet and counteract the forces, influences and attractions that are competing with us so vigorously for the attention of the people. We need badly a picture collection, stereoscopes, stereopticon and moving picture machine. There should be at least two paid story-tellers so that this part of our work could be carried on regularly and the story hours recur often enough to sustain a constant interest in them. In a city of such great distances as ours, it is impossible for a central library and four branches to reach the people in their need for books. I believe that there is no real obstacle in the way of meeting this great want through the co-operation of the School Board. We have at last begun to realize the frightful waste we have been guilty of in closing up our

school houses after class hours and leaving them unused till the next day; millions of investment idle for seventeen out of the twenty-four hours. If a room in each of the schools in districts far removed from our present branches would be assigned to the library and opened to the public after school hours, an enormous good could be done at a minimum of cost both to the schools and the library.

The removal of the Boys' High School from the neighborhood of the Main Library has emphasized this latter matter most strikingly. The students came from all parts of the city and were active distributing agents in carrying books to the other members of their family and to their neighbors. The circulation of the Main Library has decreased several thousand since their removal. The new High School building, it is true, is just across the street from one of our branches, but the far more limited choice of books has caused many of the students and their friends to discontinue the practice of borrowing from the library. The increase in the circulation of the Canal Branch since the opening of the new High School is an inconsiderable part of the circulation lost to the Main Library.

During the year extensive alterations and additions were made to the Main Library. A large annex was built in the rear of the building and the book stacks transferred to it from the south wing of the main building. The space thus left at our disposal was used for the new Children's Room on the upper floor and for an enlarged newspaper room on the ground floor. The Reference Department was also moved to the north wing and its former quarters were prepared for the use of the Juvenile Department.

The present Juvenile Room is one of the largest, airiest and brightest in this country.

The space allotted to the new Reference Room is about five times as large as that of the old one, and is a most decided improvement for comfort and service.

The present Newspaper Room is large, bright and pos-

sesses that essential requisite of a Newspaper Room, plenty of air. Its entrance is directly from the street and is, therefore, most conveniently situated for those who use it.

The Catalog Department was moved downstairs to the old Newspaper Room in the north end of the building. These many changes, requiring about six months for their completion, were made in accordance with a carefully considered plan that did not interfere in the least with the borrowers or the readers in the library. Every need of the public was anticipated and provided for; not even was a single member of the staff interrupted in her routine work. Some of our readers, however, believing that they would be inconvenienced during these changes, stopped coming to the library. I regret to report that a considerable number of these have never returned and have been lost to us. The most remarkable fact in connection with this matter is that the greatest per cent. of these losses are from the children's department. We had naturally expected that the large and handsome room that we had prepared for them would have largely increased their attendance. Our disappointment has consequently been great when we found that not only is the use of this department not increased, but is actually diminished by nearly four thousand. It must be our chief undertaking in the coming year to be more active in our work with the children, to secure more co-operation from the schools and to give more personal attention to each borrower from the juvenile department.

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CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

In the circulating department of the Main Library there are over seventy thousand books to which the borrowers have free and direct access. In fact, the entire library collection in the Branches and in the Main Library is on open shelves, with the single exception of the United States Government Documents.

I still believe this plan to be more expensive and less satisfactory in time and accuracy of service than the closed stack system. Our public have, however, so strongly urged and plead for our present plan that it has been permanently adopted.

The attendant who is in charge of the stacks has her desk at the entrance door and spends most of her time in assisting the borrowers. A larger stack force than is usual is provided to further assist readers, so that, as far as number of employees in this department can make it so, our patrons are well provided for. We have never had in this department two years in which the character of the work was so thoroughly alike as the work in 1912 and 1913. Almost to a fraction the same percentage of books of the same class were called for and called for at almost the same time of the year. There was, however, an increase of about ten per cent. in the number of more serious books read.

The Catholic Schools published a course of study or list of books for the parallel reading of their students. In cooperating with them we purchased between fifteen hundred and two thousand books which, together with the very many more titles of the same character that we already had, furnish their pupils an opportunity for study that should greatly benefit both the schools and the library.

In this year the Public Schools also issued a new course of study with many changes in the books required for the supplemental work of the pupils. We have been purchasing these books as rapidly as we could, and will continue to do so until all reasonable demands can be met. These changes in the course of study are made every four years and are a severe drain on the small amount at our disposal for the purchase of books. Not only are a large number of titles included in this list, but the many students who wish the same books at the same time require extensive duplication; we have had as many as seventy requests for the same book in one day. We would be far better able to aid the students if the teachers would, instead of assigning the same book to



MAIN LIBRARY STACKS.

the entire class, divide the class into four groups and give to each section a different title to study.

Each month, as in past years, we issued a special reading list and set these specially selected books on particular shelves designated for this purpose. The newspaper is scanned every day and, if any event or occurrence of unusual importance is noted, a few books bearing on that subject are placed on special shelves and labels made calling attention to their purpose. Both of the above collections are placed near the Seven Day Fiction, the new popular novels, which makes certain that they will not be overlooked. Near them also are our Theatre Shelves. In this section we put out books relating to the plays and more important picture displays that are acted or exhibited in our city. These books are collected, liberally duplicated and put out a week in advance and as they are brought in from circulation returned to these special shelves during the performance and for a week thereafter. This latter collection has proved very popular and the quickness with which the books are withdrawn and the frequent emptiness of the shelves attest strongly the unqualified success of this plan.

The large entrance room through which borrowers must pass to reach the stacks enables us to make an exceptionally fine exhibit of our new non-fiction before it is sent to the stocks. The attractiveness of the new books and the certainty of a new point of view or a new treatment, at least, of an old subject in this collection have contributed more than any other one cause to the increased use of better books.

The reading lists for the year were:

January—Famous fortresses, castles and palaces.
February—Sports and outdoor life.
March—Australia and the Islands of the Pacific.
April—Africa.
May—Celebrated women.
June—Science.

July—Army and navy life.
August—Latin peoples of Europe.
September—Celtic peoples of Europe.
October—Scandinavian peoples of Europe.
November—Slavs and their European neighbors.
December—Teutonic peoples of Europe.

Special Bulletins were also compiled on the following subjects:

President, Vice-President and Cabinet of the Confederacy.
Lafayette and the American Revolution.
Opera.
Nineteenth and twentieth century drama.

The two first lists were compiled to furnish material for the grammar grade pupils who were competing for essay prizes. These, therefore, were not exhaustive, even of the matter in our library and were simply utility lists.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. The library issues an adult borrower's card and a juvenile borrower's card, giving to each borrower the privilege of drawing books from the Main Library and one Branch. There is issued also a deposit card, and a teacher's card permitting a teacher to withdraw and keep for thirty days five books of non-fiction in addition to the two books taken out on the regular card. In the months of June, July, August and September there is issued a Summer Card which enables borrowers who are going out of the city to take with them six volumes of non-fiction and four volumes of fiction.

The most distressing feature of our work is the comparatively little use made of the library by the teachers of this city; only about one-quarter of them have taken advantage of the opportunity offered them by the use of teachers' cards.



MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM.

The Board of Health sends daily notices to this department of all cases of contagious or infectious diseases in the city.

There are now in force 22,417 regular borrowers' cards. Of this number 7,552 were issued this year. In addition to the regular cards 198 teachers' cards were issued, and during the summer 83 Summer Cards were in use.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The new Reference Room is large, well lighted and comfortable. The arrangement of tables, shelves and stacks is exceedingly attractive and this, together with the great amount of space allowed each reader, should increase the use of this department to a considerable degree.

There seems to have been done this year less of class work and more of general reference work and work of a decidedly more miscellaneous character. Each year the problems submitted to the reference attendants grow more difficult as the student readers realize our resources and begin to employ them.

The usual year books, annuals, reports of societies, etc., were added to our collection. Among the miscellaneous additions were the following titles:

American Historical Association.—Union list of collections on European history in American libraries.

American Telephone and Telegraph Co.—Telephone statistics of the world.

Art of teaching: a color palette and its use, ground laying, lustres.

Baker, E. A.—Guide to the best fiction in English.

Bayley, Harold.—Lost language of symbolism. 2v.

Bolivian Legation.—Information about Bolivia.

Bolk, P. J.—History of the people of the Netherlands; tr. by Ruth Putnam. 5v.

Bond, J. J.—Handy-book of rules and tables for verifying dates with the christian era.

Brown, S. J., ed.—Guide to books on Ireland.

California state library, comp.—California laws of interest to women and children.

Cambridge history of English literature; ed. by A. Ward and A. R. Waller. 6v.

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.—Medical education in Europe . . . by Abraham Flexner; introd. by H. S. Pritchett.

Medical education in the United States and Canada . . . by Abraham Flexner; introd. by H. S. Pritchett.

Chesman, Nelson and Co.—Newspaper rate book.

Coman, Katharine.—Economic beginnings of the far West: how we won the land beyond the Mississippi. 2v.

Cooper, Thompson.—Biographical dictionary. 2v.

Dewey, Melvil.—Decimal classification and relativ index.

Ellwood, G. M.—English furniture and decoration. 1680-1800.

Fanning, C. E.—Selected articles on the fortification of the Panama canal.

Friedlander, Ludwig.—Roman life and manners under the early empire. 4v.

Gratacap, Pope.—Popular guide to minerals.

Gretton, R. H.—Modern history of the English people.

Grimshaw, John.—People's medical guide.

Grocer's encyclopedia; comp. by Artemus Ward.

Hackwood, F. W.—Good cheer: the romance of food and feasting.

Hall, G. S.—Adolescence, its psychology and its relations to physiology, anthropology, sociology, sex, crime, religion and education. 2v.

Hart, H. H.—Juvenile court laws in the United States.

Herford, R. T.—Christianity in Talmud and Midrash.

Holland, W. J.—Moth book, a popular guide to a knowledge of the moths of North America.

Holme, Charles.—Peasant art in Russia.

Hottenroth, Frederic.—Costume . . . Chez les peuples anciens et modernes. 2v.

Hunter, G. L.—Tapestries, their origin, history and renaissance.

International Typographical Union.—History of the typographical union.

Janet, Paul, and Seailles, Gabriel.—History of the problems of philosophy. tr. Vada Monahan. 2v.

Kluchevsky, V. O.—History of Russia. 2v.

Lewis, J. H. and Putney, A. H.—Hand-book of election laws.

Modern American tanning.

Moody, K. T.—Index to library reports.

Morgan, J. E.—Selected articles on free trade and protection.

Picard, Ernest, and Teutey, Louis.—Unpublished correspondence of Napoleon I.

New Orleans.—Commission form of government for the city of New Orleans. Act no. 159, Senate bill no. 206. Civic development: progress of the city of New Orleans in ten years.

New Standard dictonary of the English language.

New York Times.—Index . . . issued quarterly. v. 1. 1913.

Onions, C. T.—Shakespeare glossary.

Palmer, T. G.—Sugar at a glance: the influence of sugar-beet culture on agriculture and its importance in relation to national economics.

Shelton, W. A.—Lakes-to-the-Gulf deep waterways.

Parsons, Reuben.—Studies in church history. 6v.

Pastor, Ludwig.—History of the Popes from the close of the middle ages; ed. by F. I. Antrobus. 10v.

Press reference library. Notables of the West.

Reed, T. B., and others, eds.—Modern eloquence. 15v.

Reference catalogue of current literature. 1913. 3v.

Schürer, Emil.—History of the Jewish people in the time of Jesus Christ. 5v.

Shakespeare, William.—Julius Caesar; ed. by H. H. Furness, jr.

Shea. J. G.—History of the Catholic church in the United States. 4v.

Shepherd, W. R.—Historical atlas.

Southern Sociological Congress.—Call of the New South; ed. J. E. McCulloch.

Strutt, Joseph.—Sports and pastimes of the people of England.

Thorpe, Sir Edward, and others.—Dictionary of applied chemistry. 5v.

Trufant, S. A.—Early banking history: address before N. O. Chapter Amer. Institute of Bank Clerks. May 27, 1911.

United States. Library of Congress.—Records of the Virginia Company of London. 2v.

United States. Post Office department.—Street directory of the principal cities of the United States, embracing letter-carrier offices established to Apr. 30, 1908.

Wace, Henry, and Piercy, W. C.—Dictionary of christian biography and literature to the end of the sixteenth century A. D.

Walsh, W. S.—Handy book of curious information.

Webb, W. M.—Heritage of dress, being notes on the history and evolution of clothes.

White, Gleeson.—Children's books and their illustrators.

Wright, Thomas, comp.—Dictionary of obsolete and provincial English. 2v.

There are now in the Reference Room 9,414 volumes, including 4,769 indexed magazines.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Newspaper Room, which I have already described, shows by the character of its patronage appreciation of the great improvement over the old one, and the number of those who use it only to pass the time and for want of something else to do is being reduced to a very small per cent. We subscribe to fifty-six newspapers and receive seventeen as gifts, a total of seventy-three. All of the New Orleans



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papers are given to the library by their publishers, most of them giving us two copies of each issue.

The number of readers in the newspaper Room for the year was 35,52.

The Magazine Room is comfortable, well lighted and well situated. It is supplied with 329 periodicals arranged on shelves and racks in alphabetical order so that readers need no assistance in finding what they wish to read. The attendance in the magazine room and general reading room was 46,360.

UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS.

As a United States depository we received 223 bound volumes and 1,539 pamphlets. Our Government Documents collection is well arranged, and, though not catalogued, an intelligent use of the indexes and various aids have enabled us to promptly and satisfactorily meet some two thousand calls for their use.

We have had the usual trouble in securing the reports of State and local officials and boards. After a very considerable correspondence we finally got two bound volumes and 38 pamphlets of State reports, and 3 bound volumes and 4 pamphlets of city reports. We also secured 8 pamphlet reports of miscellaneous public boards.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The splendid children's room, to obtain which so many changes have been made, is one of the largest and brightest that has yet been prepared for the use of the young people. Its equipment is good, the furnishings are of the best and are well adapted to the needs of its readers. The collection of books has been most carefully selected and numbers 8,318. The titles have been chosen for boys and girls under fifteen years of age and, considering the limit of age, the number of books is almost large enough to meet any reasonable demand. This department has this year furnished a

striking example of the fact that results are not always indicative of the amount of labor that has been done to accomplish them. More work has been done than ever before, more books have been added, a handsomer and more comfortable room has been provided, more bulletins prepared, attractive exhibits displayed, stories told, but in spite of all of these efforts and inducements the circulation has dropped nearly 4,000, only 64,657 books being issued in the year.

The story-telling has been conducted as usual entirely by volunteers, most of whom are members of the Story Tellers' League. The ladies who have so kindly given their services are, Miss Eleanor Payne, Mrs. A. Nathans, Miss Josephine Richardson, Miss Ida Barnett, Miss Stella Heron and Miss Fanny Sieferth.

A stamp club was formed among the boys with a good membership. This club meets weekly, and is not only enthusiastic, but has been doing serious and excellent work. Some of its members display a knowledge of their subject that would be a credit to most of the adult collectors.

Among the younger girls a reading circle has been organized for the reading and discussing of books. They also, meet weekly and are very much in earnest.

The popular books for the year are chiefly the same that have been most in demand for the past three years. A few that this year grew into popularity with the girls were:

Montgomery.—Anne of green gables.
Moses.—Helen Ormesby.
Remick.—Jane Stuart—Twin.
Dix.—Betty Bide-at-home.
Taggart.—Daughters of the little grey house.
Gould.—Felicia.
Douglas.—A little girl in old New Orleans.
Sadlier.—Pauline Archer.
Smith.—Milly Aveling.
Waggamans.—Little Missy.
Rankins.—Dandelion Cottage.



ROYAL BRANCH—INTERIOR.

Bailey & Lewis.—For the children's hour.

Maud Lindsay.—Mother stories.

Gregory.—Once upon a time.

The circulation of the Alcott books, which is always good, was multiplied by the acting of "Little Women" in one of our theatres.

Some of the new favorites with the boys are:

Williams.—Five yards to go.

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Quirk.—Fourth down.

Brown.—Uncle David's boys.

Father Finn.—Mostly boys, Percy Wynne, That football game.

Graydon.—In the days of Washington.

Wilson.—Tad Sheldon scout.

Wilson.—Club reporter.

West.—Midshipman days.

Copus.—Shadows lifted, Tom Loosely.

Waggaman.—Capt. Ted.

Stoddard.—Red Mustang.

Some of the favorite authors are, Beach, Altsheler, Malone, Tomlinson.

Outside of novels the popular subjects were fairy tales, myths, legends, electricity, carpentry and the lives of famous Americans.

The picture bulletins displayed were, New Year's Day; Battle of New Orleans; Naval Bulletins; New Orleans, old and new; Carnival; Valentine Day; Washington's Birthday; Woodrow Wilson; James Whitcomb Riley; Louisiana rivers and waterways; Easter; April Fool's day; Spring; Mexico; Western scenes; Colorado, Arizona, California; John McDonogh; Birds every child should know; July 4th; July 14th; Travel Bulletin; Vacation days are over; School days have begun; Columbus; Verdi's Centennial; Hallowe'en; All Saints; Monuments and cemeteries; Books old and new;

Confederate generals and Confederacy; Thanksgiving; Greek myths and stories; Little women; Xmas Bulletin.

The displays were: The first Thanksgiving; Christmas in many lands.

For several months in the summer we ran a serial bulletin illustrating the travels of two girls and a boy,imaginary readers of the juvenile department, who were fortunate enough to go to Europe during their vacation. The first stage of the journey was down the Mississippi, through the jetties and out into the Gulf of Mexico. This enabled us by pictures and short descriptive notes put in the form of letters back home, to impress on our young readers the fact of the wonderful harbor that New Orleans possesses, the great shipping in the river, the commerce of the port, the factories and other industrial enterprises that line either bank of our "inland sea," the agricultural products of the lower part of our State, and the jetties, the wonderful monument to the engineering genius of Eads. The second part of the trip permitted us to show the phenomena of nature on the waters, sunrises, storms, water spouts, billows, currents, icebergs, floating seaweed, sea birds and fish. We attempted to show all the phases of life at sea from the cabin de luxe on a liner to the forecastle on a squalid schooner, the mechanism and furnishings of the vessels, work and play aboard and the different character of the ships of different lines and countries.

The travels in England and on the Continent were illustrated by the usual pictures of familiar persons, places and events. This bulletin aroused so much interest that it was exhibited in the adult department after it was taken from the children's room.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The duties of the Catalogue Department include the accessioning, classifying, shelf listing and cataloguing of books; their preparation for the shelves; ordering and arranging Library of Congress cards, and compiling and pub-

lishing the Quarterly Bulletin. The head cataloguer still continues her morning class of instruction for her force, as all of our staff come to us absolutely without any special preparation for the work. We are at present even experiencing great difficulty in inducing a sufficient number of our force to learn the use of the typewriter.

The practice of employing substitutes for absentees has been a great relief to this department, which formerly replaced from its members all of the attendants who were away from work.

In the year 10,978 books were accessioned and catalogued; book cards were written for about 30,000 additional books taken from the restrictions of the closed stack, and 242 columns of printed matter prepared for the Quarterly Bulletin.

There were 1,054 books withdrawn, 820 were worn out and discarded, 111 were lost but paid for, and 123 lost and not paid for. The accesioned gifts numbered 261.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

Our own attendants mend all books that are not sufficiently damaged to send to the binder, and they sew and recover many of the popular books. This year we bound 252 pamphlets, rebound 825 books, mended 3,500 others, and sent 1,309 to the binder to be rebound and 520 to be bound from sheets.

STAFF.

Two members of the staff, Miss Langwith and Miss O'Shaughnessy, resigned to be married, and were succeeded by Misses Barrett and Scullin. Miss Cooper was transferred from the Canal Branch to the Catalogue Department of the Main Library and was replaced in charge of the branch by Miss Collins. Miss Kopman was away from the Napoleon Branch for three months on a sick leave, and Mrs. Lehman substituted for that time.

The staff numbers the same as last year and with few

exceptions each member is performing the same duties as those assigned to her in the previous year.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 1 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday. It is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2d, 9 A. M., and at 5 P. M. on the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.

BRANCHES.

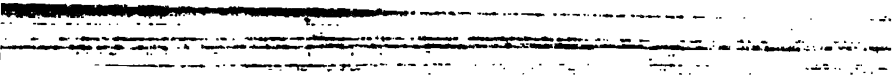
The books in the branch libraries number 34,021. About 1,400 volumes were added this year to each collection. There are 12,321 branch borrowers, and the total branch circulation was 222,256.

The branch buildings now contain considerably more books than it was intended when they were built that they should have allotted to them. It has been necessary, therefore, to rearrange the furniture in three of them and to enlarge their shelf capacity. Most of the work was done in the present year and accounts for the unusually large expenses of the branches.

The small cost of operating our branches, even if alterations and repairs are included in that account, is due to the fact that most of the branch work is done at the Main Library and only the actual circulation and the repairing of a few books are the duties that are performed by the



ALGIERS BRANCH.



branch attendants. It is to be hoped that this plan, which leaves so much time to the branch employees, will enable them to use that time in building up as full a circulation as their collections permit.

The location of the Canal and Napoleon Branches near the high schools is certain to cause them eventually to far outstrip the two other branches. The Royal Branch is still, in spite of the advantage of these two others, issuing the largest number of books.

Algiers has fallen sadly behind the others. In fact, its circulation is just barely over half that of each of the other branches. We have tried to increase its usefulness by every means known in library work, but without results. We shall continue our efforts as earnestly as ever, and trust that time will bring about the change that we desire.

CONCLUSION.

The growth of our library for the past several years has been so rapid, the circulation has so constantly and substantially increased that we had begun to believe that this would continue indefinitely. A library that has more than quadrupled its circulation in ten years cannot continue to increase at that rate unless it is accompanied by a wonderful growth in the city of its domicile and is in the midst of a community experiencing general and abnormal interest in education.

It will be difficult for us without more money to more than hold our own. An increased number of readers brings increased demands and new wants; more books are needed, books of greater variety are required, the binder's bill is increased, additional employees become necessary. With the wider range in the character of the borrowers we get more of the two extremes, the scholarly reader, who demands of the attendants special knowledge in the subjects that interest him, and the uncultured reader, who, with his very limited knowledge, must be aided by attendants who must

meet his impatience, touchiness, timidity and helplessness with tact, a wide knowledge of people and books, an intelligence of service and a promptness that can come only with special training.

With a little more help from the Council, the same liberal co-operation of the Board of Directors that we have always had in the past, and a staff that is conscientious, willing and cheerful in the performance of its duties, our library need, however, have no fear of the future.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 11th, 1914.



ALGIERS BRANCH—INTERIOR.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1912.....		$43.90
To Children's Room Fund Balance from 1912..		3,043.43
City of New Orleans Appropriation 1912.....	$37,500.00	
Interest on Deposits.....	86.87	
Bourbon Street Property, Rent....	2,499.96	
Sales Waste Paper.....	9.88	
Fines and Catalogues—		
Main Library.....	1,865.18	
Royal Branch Library.....	262.90	
Algiers Branch Library.....	99.61	
Napoleon Branch Library.....	319.07	
Canal Branch Library.....	273.32	
		42,916.79
		$46,004.12

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$6,100.29	
Periodicals	1,038.03	
Binding	855.11	
Insurance (Bourbon St. property)..	385.96	
Heating	104.61	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,298.01	
Salaries (Main Library).....	20,935.70	
Children's Room Fund.....	3,043.43	
Sundries, as follows:		
Gardner, Main Library.....	240.00	
Porters' Salaries.....	820.00	
Telephone Service.....	48.00	
Miscellaneous Items.....	2,175.84	
		37,044.98

ROYAL BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,800.00	
Heating	28.00	
Printing and Stationery	47.69	
Binding	94.20	
Gardner	48.00	
Miscellaneous Items	241.10	
		2,258.99

ALGIERS BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,768.15	
Heating	17.60	
Printing and Stationery	41.42	
Binding	2.00	
Gardner	48.00	
Miscellaneous Items	243.11	
		2,120.28

NAPOLEON BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,643.50	
Heating	28.00	
Printing and Stationery	51.17	
Binding	114.30	
Miscellaneous Items	191.55	
		2,028.52

CANAL BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,800.00	
Heating	49.69	
Printing and Stationery	47.76	
Binding	65.76	
Gardner	36.00	
Miscellaneous Items	108.59	
		2,107.64
Total Expenditures		$45,560.41

BALANCE IN BANKS—

Whitney-Central National Bank	$96.63	
N. O. National Bank	347.08	
		443.71
		$46,004.12

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund Balance from 1912.	$600.29
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans.....	1,475.00
	$2,075.29
Expenditures—Books	1,855.52
Balance.....	$219.77
January 9, 1914—Balance in N. O. National Bank	$219.77

A. P. HOWARD,

Secretary-Treasurer, N. O. Public Library.

New Orleans, La., January 9, 1914.

CIRCULATION IN 1913.

CENTRAL LABRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
Home Use	178,632	53,676	25,037	52,658	48,347	358,350
Library Use...	46,509	12,109	8,238	8,389	13,808	89,053
Totals.....	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	447,403

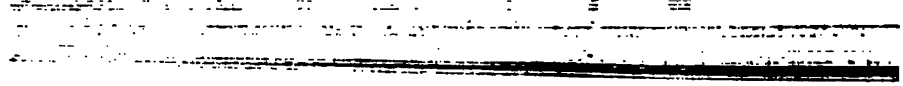
ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897-1913.

TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697	110,274	99,100
1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	
98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057	350,746	400,397	472,868	447,403	



NAPOLEON BRANCH.



CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1913.

TABLE 3.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
American Origin..	6,780	6,218	7,092	6,630	6,233	5,440	5,704	5,441	4,873	4,902	4,815	4,773	68,901
English Origin....	2,845	2,591	3,175	2,746	2,746	2,536	2,577	2,361	2,335	2,337	2,197	2,121	30,567
German Origin....	165	151	195	147	151	148	146	174	149	118	120	114	1,778
French Origin....	588	551	628	472	464	375	444	441	462	429	399	402	5,655
Italian Origin....	19	21	21	45	16	22	12	14	23	15	7	12	227
Spanish Origin...	31	45	27	35	29	10	18	40	64	58	27	27	411
Minor Languages.	59	53	50	60	53	44	42	60	92	71	50	55	689
Total.....	10,487	9,630	11,188	10,135	9,692	8,575	8,943	8,531	7,998	7,930	7,615	7,504	108,228

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1913.

TABLE 4.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
American Origin..	3,353	2,833	3,084	2,718	3,090	3,027	2,850	2,967	2,583	1,832	1,760	1,990	32,087
English Origin...	511	512	499	449	494	442	446	440	405	346	314	341	5,199
German Origin...	65	60	26	31	26	17	18	29	14	11	22	26	345
French Origin....	55	8	50	40	52	52	33	27	21	20	14	30	402
Italian Origin....	1	0	1	0	0	3	5	1	1	0	0	1	13
Spanish Origin...	14	20	15	10	9	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	75
Minor Languages.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total.....	**3,999**	**3,433**	**3,675**	**3,248**	**3,671**	**3,543**	**3,352**	**3,464**	**3,029**	**2,211**	**2,110**	**2,388**	**38,123**



NAPOLEON BRANCH – INTERIOR.

CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1913.

TABLE 5.

	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
American Origin.....	100,988	110,544	103,454	98,985	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942
English Origin.....	35,766	43,743	45,506	45,651	39,585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958
Geman Origin.....	2,123	2,365	3,026	3,980	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780
French Origin.....	6,057	6,818	7,051	7,559	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053
Itlaian Origin.....	240	361	475	344	284	251	295	127	65
Spanish Origin.....	486	674	303	339	350	235	115	218	181
Minor Languages.....	691	469	520	518	631	397	485	383	441
Totals.....	146,351	164,974	160,335	157,376	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1913.

TABLE 6.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
General Works...	635	667	989	718	639	440	406	523	481	731	749	626	7,604
Philosophy	129	133	117	153	121	163	137	145	118	154	162	158	1,690
Religion	114	97	88	128	138	82	102	71	76	153	172	143	1,364
Sociology	563	481	596	493	536	324	355	333	324	523	606	527	5,661
Philology	177	184	128	188	162	218	182	161	145	232	235	203	2,215
Natural Science...	200	198	211	148	187	174	162	179	158	174	162	211	2,164
Useful Arts.....	301	320	335	326	304	272	244	236	261	291	251	295	3,436
Fine Arts.....	180	244	202	203	217	199	169	176	178	217	197	233	2,415
Literature	1,264	1,200	1,415	1,313	1,282	734	742	680	645	1,030	1,186	987	12,478
History, Travel, Biography.....	1,204	1,201	1,447	1,484	1,067	797	725	729	727	1,350	1,309	1,142	13,182
Totals.....	4,767	4,725	5,528	5,154	4,653	3,403	3,224	3,233	3,113	4,855	5,029	4,525	52,209

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1913.

TABLE 7.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
General Works....	9	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	6	0	20
Philosophy	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Religion	272	237	246	236	255	156	84	99	43	95	58	59	1,840
Sociology	1,130	905	1,052	965	1,069	1,105	899	923	781	703	608	757	10,897
Philology	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Natural Science...	182	154	127	176	126	80	81	95	125	76	114	101	1,437
Useful Arts.....	72	104	145	102	115	68	77	49	63	65	80	74	1,014
Fine Arts.....	203	193	232	231	225	144	146	263	193	165	86	186	2,267
Literature	397	337	350	355	372	223	216	166	162	165	146	203	3,092
History, Travel, Biography.....	668	638	568	560	624	453	360	436	384	439	442	431	6,003
Totals.....	2,933	2,573	2,720	2,625	2,786	2,235	1,864	2,032	1,752	1,710	1,540	1,181	26,581

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1913.

TABLE 8.

	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	7,624	7,846	9,406	9,930	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510
Philosophy	1,694	1,375	1,197	1,403	932	728	576	661	746
Religion	3,204	2,282	2,964	2,407	1,901	887	668	616	822
Sociology	16,558	17,216	12,777	9,975	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378
Philology	2,222	1,863	1,867	1,585	1,209	636	689	183	270
Natual Science	3,601	3,460	2,820	2,687	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045
Useful Arts	4,450	4,135	3,830	3,224	2,640	1,600	1,354	987	1,039
Fine Arts	4,682	4,628	3,772	3,231	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034
Literature	15,570	16,092	14,133	10,745	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823
History, Travel, Biography	19,185	18,881	19,656	15,584	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513
Totals	78,790	78,378	72,442	60,771	50,831	25,977	21,181	7,690	20,180



CANAL BRANCH.

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1913.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin.....	21,292	11,151	22,818	24,134	79,395
English Origin.....	10,323	3,895	11,131	8,122	33,471
German Origin.....	556	117	387	361	1,421
French Origin.....	7,131	207	767	780	8,885
Italian Origin.....	151	21	19	7	198
Spanish Origin.....	246	6	57	23	332
Minor Languages.....	54	16	137	43	250
Totals.....	39,753	15,413	35,316	33,470	123,952

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1913.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin.....	9,274	5,520	11,029	10,232	36,055
English Origin.....	1,703	1,586	1,334	1,959	6,582
German Origin.....	95	49	80	225	449
French Origin.....	163	21	22	118	324
Italian Origin.....	8	1	3	43	55
Spanish Origin.....	3	4	3	120	130
Minor Languages.....	0	0	1	0	1
Totals.....	11,246	7,181	12,472	12,697	43,596

CIRCULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1913.

TABLE 11.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
General Works	519	401	664	813	2,397
Philosophy	120	82	106	192	500
Religion	241	104	180	139	664
Sociology	907	414	632	547	2,500
Philology	49	53	256	199	557
Natural Science	328	102	317	357	1,104
Useful Arts	392	649	595	304	1,940
Fine Arts	408	188	229	302	1,127
Literature	1,736	892	2,034	1,485	6,147
History, Travel, Biography	1,653	621	1,601	1,486	5,361
Totals	6,353	3,506	6,614	5,824	22,297

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, BRANCHES, 1913.

TABLE 12.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Total
General Works	0	0	0	32	32
Philosophy	1	15	0	3	19
Religion	608	385	307	738	2,038
Sociology	4,284	3,144	3,693	4,079	15,200
Philology	0	20	1	0	21
Natural Science	155	248	90	653	1,146
Useful Arts	243	217	197	528	1,185
Fine Arts	644	458	364	911	2,377
Literature	757	1,101	530	1,231	3,619
History, Travel, Biography.	1,741	1,587	1,463	1,989	6,780
Totals	8,433	7,175	6,645	10,164	32,417



CANAL BRANCH, INTERIOR



ANNUAL CIRCULATION BRANCHES, 1908-1913.

TABLE 13.

	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	Totals
Royal ...	57,080	61,632	61,381	61,566	65,904	65,785	373,348
Algiers ..	37,004	29,017	32,905	37,007	41,637	33,275	210,845
Napoleon	36,679	45,447	38,313	51,138	60,099	61,047	292,723
Canal ...				17,929	61,876	62,155	141,960

CIRCULATION OF FICTION IN CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES BY LANGUAGES, 1913.

TABLE 14.

American Origin	216,438
English Origin	75,819
German Origin	3,993
French Origin	15,266
Italian Origin	493
Spanish Origin	948
Minor Languages	942
Total	313,899

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION IN MAIN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES, 1913.

TABLE 15.

General Works	10,053
Philosophy	2,213
Religion	5,906
Sociology	34,258
Philology	2,800
Natural Science	5,851
Useful Arts	7,575
Fine Arts	8,186
Literature	25,336
History, Travel, Biography	31,326
Total	133,504

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1913.

TABLE 16.

	Guarantee	Deposits	Totals 1913	Totals 1912	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905
January	527	41	568	838	859	704	851	686	266	255	307
February	574	22	596	667	744	733	659	751	222	269	326
March	728	23	751	730	805	960	819	780	230	344	301
April	649	19	668	536	660	689	745	640	261	242	246
May	598	9	607	489	578	776	603	715	269	276	218
June	532	15	547	543	583	680	641	530	194	285	280
July	627	15	642	521	699	768	681	622	248	413	350
August	589	12	601	421	697	752	601	579	284	355	364
September	510	14	524	324	1,000	575	439	467	212	339	364
October	700	13	713	494	858	690	595	433	472	353	306
November	676	23	699	473	703	649	633	985	460	255	283
December	607	29	636	362	681	641	477	683	516	253	196
Totals	7,317	235	7,552	6,398	8,864	8,617	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number in 1913—22,417 cards were in use.
" " " " 1912—23,017 cards were in use.
" " " " 1911—17,130 cards were in use.
" " " " 1910—17,044 cards were in use.
" " " " 1909—15,172 cards were in use.

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1913.

TABLE 17.

	Purchased	Gifts	Totals 1913	Totals 1912	Totals 1911	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	1905
January	924	41	965	529	420	297	297	2,038	218	105	560
Feburary	1,198	2	1,200	634	939	317	322	906	296	130	360
March	1,051	14	1,065	570	789	768	345	641	223	103	240
April	1,021	3	1,024	650	578	313	321	844	311	342	370
May	1,077	9	1,086	611	1,378	578	418	748	172	240	340
June	776	5	781	690	1,345	534	453	622	251	80	245
July	298	2	300	464	899	501	331	418	641	288	278
August	438	1	439	444	1,217	208	273	363	2,162	93	106
September	803	1	804	482	485	592	265	331	834	254	240
October	1,037	12	1,049	1,021	1,223	639	552	202	1,189	237	530
November	992	130	1,122	979	810	351	222	607	2,845	139	444
December	1,102	41	1,143	1,131	1,010	681	238	1,235	3,006	113	200
Totals	10,717	261	10,978	8,205	11,093	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED, 1905-1913.

TABLE 18.

	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905
General Works	341	384	441	305	290	543	370	173	125
Philosophy	235	70	80	63	17	48	74	31	73
Religion	418	130	219	113	34	89	161	34	112
Sociology	987	675	572	590	211	380	817	817	135
Philology	92	38	76	72	11	95	63	13	55
Natural Science	367	90	231	139	21	180	365	39	183
Useful Arts	522	269	283	214	71	279	399	87	170
Fine Arts	367	102	225	166	40	98	266	25	134
Literature	1,223	1,595	1,625	598	286	1,081	909	144	422
Travel	437	244	300	191	158	228	439	...	...
Biography	368	251	318	254	121	373	539	...	...
History	598	373	564	298	255	438	820	290	631
Fiction	5,023	3,974	6,159	2,776	2,523	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749
Totals	10,978	8,205	11,093	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES,

MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES, 1913.

TABLE 19.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
January	$182.14	$24.47	$11.55	$22.66	$23.56	$270.38
February	159.85	24.12	12.03	25.76	22.70	244.46
March	178.79	19.96	9.38	34.16	23.49	265.78
April	167.93	20.07	8.71	32.57	21.82	251.10
May	178.29	23.25	10.30	31.30	23.09	266.23
June	155.21	21.06	9.52	27.46	26.15	239.40
July	133.38	25.83	9.39	22.06	19.87	210.53
August	102.45	12.08	5.00	14.48	13.99	148.00
September	134.09	24.55	4.35	22.39	21.42	206.80
October	154.73	20.58	6.79	23.63	21.88	227.61
November	153.00	22.39	5.05	21.74	24.10	226.28
December	165.32	24.54	7.54	34.86	31.25	263.51
Totals	$1,865.18	$262.90	$99.61	$319.07	$273.32	$2,820.08

In addition to the above amount the sum of $10.78 was received from the sale of waste paper.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS, 1907-1913.

TABLE 20.

	WEEK DAYS		SUNDAYS		TOTALS						
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
January	4,718	3,680	195	259	8,852	10,932	11,631	9,417	10,289	7,412	5,337
February	4,963	3,745	253	268	9,229	10,294	9,664	9,211	8,924	6,659	5,104
March	4,027	3,434	259	287	8,007	10,499	10,571	7,264	10,379	6,108	4,576
April	4,203	2,657	222	255	7,337	7,458	6,615	5,767	7,882	5,420	4,214
May	3,577	2,443	139	260	6,419	6,564	6,551	6,300	7,288	5,234	3,586
June	2,815	2,203	212	306	5,536	6,033	5,074	6,354	6,493	4,226	3,411
July	3,079	2,315	143	216	5,753	6,306	5,488	5,542	6,790	4,106	2,082
August	3,132	2,216	182	289	5,819	5,525	6,685	7,137	6,047	4,035	3,071
September	2,845	2,435	148	147	5,575	5,162	5,957	7,546	5,181	3,983	2,036
October	3,512	1,909	209	165	5,795	7,006	7,376	8,531	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	3,151	2,385	315	271	6,122	7,611	8,372	9,003	6,533	8,075	4,705
December	3,858	3,074	203	233	7,368	8,090	8,948	10,317	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals	43,880	32,496	2,480	2,956	81,812	91,480	92,932	92,389	89,877	68,330	47,672

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American Journal of Theology.
American Kennel Gazette.
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American Magazine.
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American Review of Reviews.
American Scandinavian Review.
American School Board Journal.
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Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science.
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Art in America.
Arts and Decoration.
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Gardening.

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Good Roads Magazine.
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MAIN LIBRARY.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1914-1915.

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

GENTLEMEN—In April the library will complete its twentieth year of useful service to the people of New Orleans. Twenty years ago its one circulating and one reading departments occupied a part of the upper floor of one of our court buildings; to-day the system includes a Main Building, one of the handsomest in the country, with circulating, reference, children's and three reading departments and five Branches each serving both children and adults. Several of the present members have been on the Board from its beginning and it must be a great pleasure to note the progress of the institution they have been so long connected with and for whose advance they are responsible. Twenty years ago the Public Library, which was constituted by the consolidation of The Fisk Free, The Lyceum and The Mechanics Institute Libraries, began with a collection of about thirty thousand books and its circulation for the first year and three-quarters was 43,176. The number of books in the library at the end of the year 1915 was 144,638 and the circulation was 495,504.

So firm is my faith in the future of the branches that I have, perhaps, given to them more than their share of books. For the last five years each branch has averaged the addition to its collection of a thousand volumes every year. There are now in the Main Library, 99,219; in Royal Branch, 11,108; in Algiers Branch, 9,507; in Napoleon Branch, 9,455; in Canal Branch, 9,700, and in the newly opened branch for colored people, 5,649 volumes.

The circulation for the Main Library was, in 1915; 238,786, or 13,645 more than last year; Royal Branch issued

74,160, an increase of 1,967; Algiers Branch issued 39,528, an increase of 2,439; Napoleon Branch issued 77,761, an increase of 2,744; Canal Branch issued 65,269, a decrease of 5,972. This tabulation of statistics shows that the increase at the Main Library is steady, that of the Branches, Napoleon is the most active with Royal close behind; that Algiers is improving slowly and that Canal is the only department that is going backward.

The addition of books in the two years numbers 20,118, the number of books worn out or lost has been 2,337, of these 266 have been paid for.

Our several reading rooms have been used by 173,802 people.

The Librarian's outgoing mail has included 12,586 signed pieces in addition to the circulars and packages.

The reports for the two years 1914 and 1915 have been combined as a matter of economy. The library, already running on an amount less than one-half of that appropriated for any other library its size, was confronted, last year, with the necessity of providing nearly five thousand dollars additional to defray the expenses attendant upon the purchase and installation of a sufficient number of books to warrant the opening of the Dryades Branch. Suspending the publication of the annual report was one of the many means resorted to in order to secure the required amount.

Report has, from time to time, been made on the condition of the library buildings and grounds and as these reports will show everything would be in fairly good condition except for the damage done by the storm of September, 1915. A detailed statement of these damages has been filed with the City Engineer and the necessary repairs are being made, through his office, by the special department created to look after storm damage to public buildings.

The woodwork and metal work of all buildings badly need paint.

Dr. Holt and Mr. Baker of the New Orleans Tree Commission, improved the appearance of our grounds by planting



MAIN LIBRARY REFERENCE ROOM.

ten camphor trees. Among the gifts to the library was that of the Music Teachers' Association. Their donation of sheet music added materially to our sadly small collection.

I regret to report that the use of the Auditorium is growing less every year and last year it was hardly used at all. I hope the Board will consent to granting fixed dates throughout the year to associations and societies, so that they shall not have to ask each time for the use of the hall.

Each year the Board settles on the holidays for the year and then during the year these are augmented by holidays announced at the last minute. It has, perhaps, not occurred to the Board that this is a great hardship for the public. No proper notice can be given and hundreds of borrowers have useless and expensive trips to the libraries only to find them closed.

We have, through the courtesy and with the aid of Superintendent Gwinn and the principals and teachers of the Normal and the High Schools, done much work to make the library more useful to the schools. We have included in this work the conducting of classes for the pupils that will enable them to use satisfactorily every department of our library. I have attended meetings of the grade teachers and have sought their assistance in bringing the library to the attention of the grammar grade students. I have endeavored to return the courtesy of the school officials by assisting them in the "Stay in School Campaign," and have spoken in all parts of the city in furtherance of this work.

In March, 1915, the library suffered a great loss through the death of Albert Baldwin, Jr., the Vice-President of the Board. His business ability had made his services of much value to the library and his courteous and kindly manners had won for him the esteem and affection of all who knew him. He was succeeded on the Board by his brother, Harry F. Baldwin.

MAIN LIBRARY.

CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

An unusual amount of work has, recently, been done in this department with Study and Literary Clubs. The results have amply warranted the time and labor given. The subjects that have attracted the especial attention of readers were "Vocational Education," Vocational Guidance," "The European War," "Book-keeping and Accounting," "Theosophy," "New Thought," and "Social Work."

The reading lists that were printed in the Quarterly Bulletin were "Woman and Her Home," "Imaginary Lands," "Cities and Institutions," "Vikings, Privateers and Pirates," "The Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Drama," "Christian Science, Spiritualism, New Thought, Theosophy and Ocultism," "Capitals of Europe," "Rivers of the World," "Woman in Business and Politics," "Country Life," "How to Build and Furnish a Home," "Warring States of Europe and The Neutral States Under Arms," "Out-of-the-Way Places," "Self Sacrifice," "Newspapers and Newspaper Stories," "Social Work and Workers," "Questions of the Day," "Automobile Tours," "Modes of Travel," "Photoplay and Photoplay Plots," "Vocational Guidance and Choice of An Occupation," "Agriculture, Commerce and Industry of the World," and "Heroes and Heroines of Peace." The lists compiled for special purpose and not printed were "Good Stories to Read Aloud," "Cheerful Stories," "Battle of New Orleans," "Peace," "Battles of the Civil War," "Liquor and the Liquor Question," "Sixteenth Century Painters," "Maps Most Frequently Called For," "Book-keeping, Accounting and Cost Keeping," "Theatre in New Orleans." The study club lists that were most used were "Europe in the Twentieth Century," "European Colonies," "India and the Jewish Chatauqua Course."

Two of the most successful book exhibits were The Library of the Advertising Association of America and the New York State Library selection of the Best Books of 1914.

The addition of four pages to this department makes work there light enough to permit of its being done thoroughly and with great efficiency.

The "open shelf" system is still continued for all of the books in the circulating department and the public has free access to the entire collection, numbering more than seventy thousand.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The reference room contains 10,634 volumes, of these 5,272 are indexed magazines. In the last two years 1,220 volumes have been added.

The additions to the collection have been chiefly histories, political science and debates.

The number of reference students averages about 16,500 per year.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The 7,979 books of this department are selected for boys and girls under fifteen years of age. There are about 1,600 borrowers and the circulation for the last two years has averaged 55,000 a year.

The usual means of interesting young people in reading are employed; about forty picture bulletins and reading lists are posted each year; exhibits are prepared; literary and book puzzles are devised to amuse and instruct; clubs have been tried; the schools are visited; the co-operation and aid of the teachers is sought. The story hour was a very important feature of the work for a long time, but as our story tellers were all volunteers we could not continue indefinitely calling on the services of these unselfish helpers and were compelled, reluctantly, to discontinue this branch of our endeavors.

We are here sadly handicapped by having no one who has been trained for work in this department. A very thor-

ough course of training is required in order to accomplish anything like good results, and no amount of willingness and earnestness will make up for lack of technical knowledge.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

In this section of the library, 20,118 books have been classified, accessioned, self listed, cataloged and prepared for the shelves; the Quarterly Bulletin has been prepared and the catalog has been expanded and amplified.

There were 2,337 books withdrawn, of these 266 were lost but paid for, 76 were lost and not paid for, and 1,995 were worn out.

Our donations for these two years have been much larger than usual, the number of volumes received running up to 2,390.

The bulk of the work of preparing for the new branch naturally fell upon this department.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Newspaper Room is always one of the well-patronized departments of the libray. We subscribe to 61 papers and receive 21 as gifts.

The European papers have, of course, been read far oftener than they usually were. Since the large number of Mexican refugees have come to the city there has begun a call for Cuban and Mexican papers. The readers of newspapers number 72,420.

The Magazine Room is conveniently situated next to the general reading room and we will soon be forced, because of the large number of magazine readers, to encroach considerably upon the space of its neighbor. We receive, through subscription or gift, 367 magazines.

There were in the last two years 65,201 magazine readers.



MAIN LIBRARY STACKS.



UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT.

As a United States depository we received 344 bound volumes and 3,593 pamphlets. Our Government document collection includes some 10,000 bound volumes. They are well arranged and well used, we have been able to furnish the information sought in an average of 1,400 calls each year.

We always have much trouble in securing the reports of State and local officials and boards. After the usual repeated efforts, we secured 4 volumes of State documents and 224 State pamphlets, and 1 bound volume of city reports and 10 pamphlets. We also received 11 reports from miscellaneous boards.

BINDING AND REPAIRING.

The mending department endeavors to rebind all seven-day books and most of the very popular books. The average number rebound is 800, last year the number was increased to 1,100. Between 200 and 250 pamphlets are annually bound and last year 3,987 books were mended. In the last two years we have had bound from sheets 777 books and had rebound 3,627 volumes.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The registration department sees to the issuance of all borrowers' cards, tabulates all statistics, and carries on all of the correspondence of the library.

In 1915 there were issued 7,253 cards, of this number, 162 were Teacher's Cards and 113 were Summer Cards. At the end of the year there were 22,295 borrowers holding cards enabling them to make use of the library.

STAFF.

In the latter part of 1914 we lost, through death, Mrs. Bond, the oldest member of the staff. She had not only worked in the library since its establishment, but came to

us from the old Fisk Library. She was a faithful and conscientious employee and was much esteemed and loved by the entire force. In the same year Mrs. Eustis resigned and the two vacancies were filled by the appointment of Mrs. Lehman and Miss Wayne. In 1915 Miss Duplantier rsigned and was succeeded by Miss Paillet.

The two young colored women appointed to take charge of the Dryades Branch were Miss Delia Allen and Miss Adelia Trent.

I can not state too strongly the disadvantage under which we are working with a staff, no member of which has had systematic training for library work. A far graver condition than this, however, presents itself as the result of making the standard of requirements for admission to library work as low as we have. It is not fair to either the public or to our employees themselves if we shall hereafter accept on the staff ladies who have had hardly more than the rudiments of an education, and expect them to do the work that must be required of them in a library.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 1 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday. It is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2d, 9 A. M., and at 5 P. M. on the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be for less than fifteen days.



MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM.

BRANCHES.

All of the branches report a substantial increase in the use of non-fiction and an advance in the grade of non-fiction that is being read, the oldest of the branches is eight years of age and the youngest is just half that many months. The branches, except Dryades, average nearly 10,000 books and have each about 2,970 borrowers. The conditions that control Algiers are so different from those that obtain in the case of the other branches that it is hardly fair to make a comparison. The average circulation of the three, Royal, Napoleon and Canal is 73,000.

Dryades Branch was opened in the latter part of October, 1915. It has taken the balance of the year to get it fairly into operation, and I have included no statistics from it in this report.

CONCLUSION.

The growth of our library has been rapid and constant, but this must not lead us to the conclusion that we can expect a continuance of this advance in the face of the difficulties that confront us. The distances in our city are so great that I fear our five libraries are reaching with their influences nearly all of the people that we can expect to make use of their advantages. There is a strong need for the establishment, at once, of five small branch buildings at widely scattered points in the city. I believe that the money for the building of these branches could be secured and a plan of operation evolved, so reasonable in its cost that the Commission Council would readily assume the slight increase of library expense. The buildings could be simple, one-story structures and built on inexpensive sites. By the elimination of all table space, except for the use of dictionaries, encylopedias and a few other simple reference books the size of the buildings could be considerably less than our present branch buildings. One attendant could meet the demands of the work and when the circulation

built up sufficient to warrant it, a page could be assigned to assist her. The building need be open only a part of the day and every other night. I strongly advise an earnest effort to carry this suggestion into effect. Our library must come, as most large libraries already have, and all soon will, to have a system of interchange of books from the main library to branches and from branch to branch. With this system once established these smaller branches could circulate almost as many books as our large branches are now doing. The hope of our library for future growth lies almost exclusively in multiplying the agencies for the distribution of books, and, realizing our difficulty in procuring money, I recommend this branch plan as the means of an increase of opportunity that can be secured at a minimum of cost.

We are operating on less than one-half the amount of money that is appropriated for the maintenance of any other library in a city the size of New Orleans, and each year this difference, to our disadvantage, is growing greater. Each year it becomes more and more difficult to continue our work successfully. In a mercantile business every increase in the number of customers should mean an increase of profit, while with us every increase in the number of patrons or every increase in the demands of patrons means an increase of expenses. If, therefore, we show any increase in the amount of work accomplished during the coming year, it will be done only by the willingness of the library corps to assume a greater burden of work than heretofore and to cheerfully meet a heavier tax on their services. This can be done with the enthusiasm which flows from pride in one's work and a devotion to its purposes and calls. I trust that our staff will be animated by such creditable feelings, and I hope that at no distant day their reward will be commensurate with their merit.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 9th, 1916.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1913		$443.71
City of New Orleans Appropriation 1914	$37,500.00	
Interest on Deposits	95.87	
Bourbon Street Property, Rent	2,499.96	
Sales Waste Paper	10.67	
Fines and Catalogues—		
Main Library	1,967.79	
Royal Branch	295.96	
Algiers Branch	122.80	
Napoleon Branch	344.38	
Canal Branch	317.28	
		$43,154.71
		$43,598.42

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$7,249.51	
Periodicals	1,142.53	
Binding	1,085.28	
Heating	154.15	
Printing and Stationery	1,180.08	
Salaries	21,201.10	
Sundries as follows:		
Gardener, Main Library	240.00	
Telephone Service	48.00	
Porters' Service	1,040.00	
Miscellaneous Items	1,453.74	
		34,794.39

ROYAL BRANCH LIBRARY—		
Salaries	$1,800.00	
Heating	63.00	
Printing and Stationery	53.83	
Binding	104.05	
General Expenses, Miscellaneous Items	343.53	
		$2,364.41
ALGIERS BRANCH LIBRARY—		
Salaries	$1,680.00	
Heating	27.50	
Printing and Stationery	46.71	
Binding	.50	
General Expenses, Miscellaneous Expenses	199.15	
		1,953.86
NAPOLEON BRANCH LIBRARY—		
Salaries	$1,762.75	
Heating	48.75	
Printing and Stationery	50.86	
Binding	143.80	
General Expenses, Miscellaneous Items	106.65	
		2,112.81
CANAL BRANCH LIBRARY—		
Salaries	$1,755.00	
Heating	49.50	
Printing and Stationery	52.80	
General Expenses, Miscellaneous Items	174.57	
Binding	125.05	
		2,156.92
Total Expenditures		$43,382.39
BALANCE IN BANKS—		
Whitney-Central Bank	$155.97	
N. O. National Bank	60.06	
		216.03
		$43,598.42

New Orleans, La., January 9, 1915.



ROYAL BRANCH.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY—SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund Balance from 1913.	$219.77
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans.....	1,476.00
	$1,695.77
Expenditures—Books	1,569.76
Balance	$126.01
January 9, 1915—Balance in N. O. National Bank	126.01

A. P. HOWARD,

Secretary-Treasurer N. O. Public Library.

New Orleans, La., January 9, 1915.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

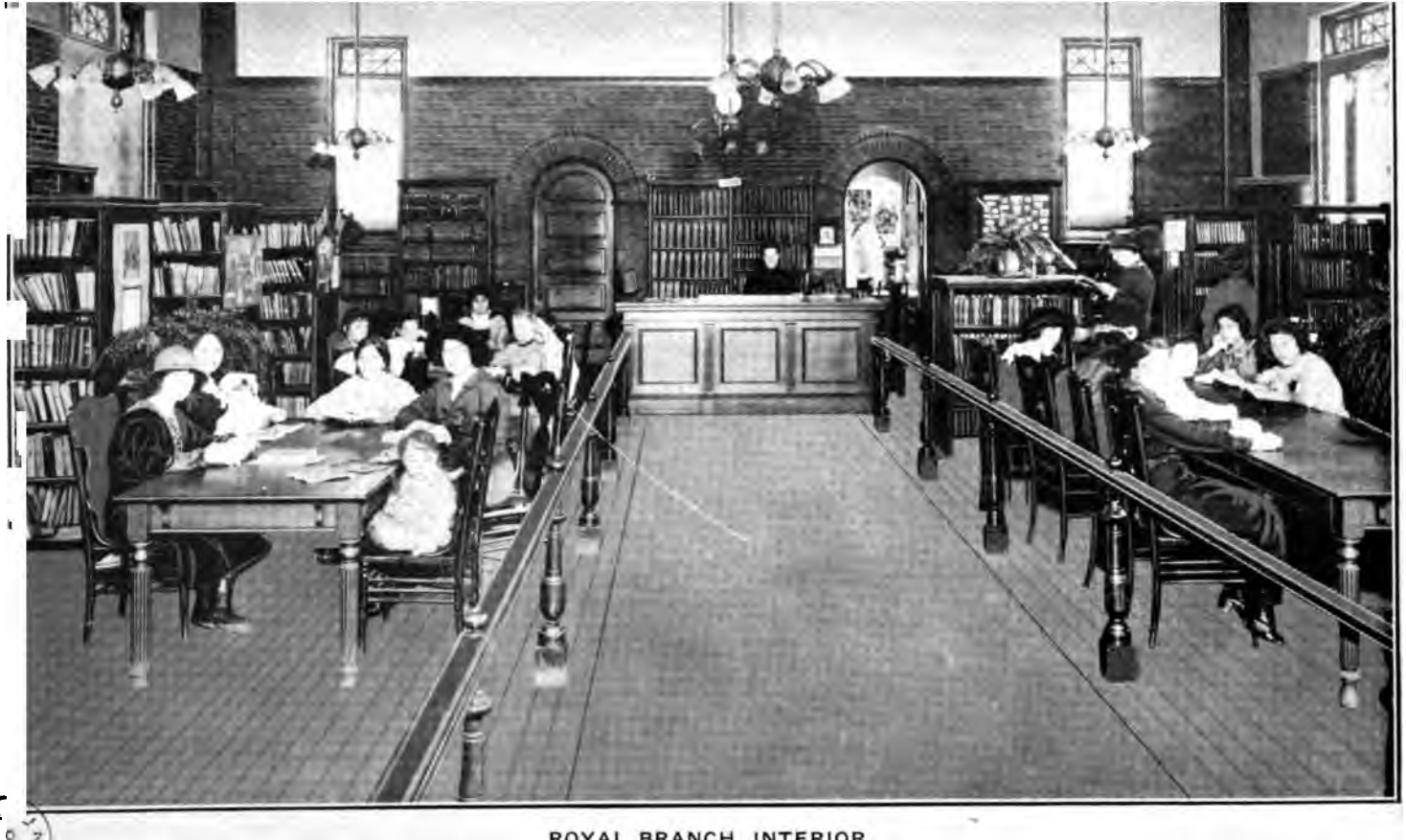
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 10, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

To General Fund Balance from 1914.....		$216.03
City of New Orleans Appropriation 1914.....	$37,500.00	
Interest on Deposits.....	18.83	
Bourbon Street Property, Rent....	2,499.96	
Sales Waste Paper.....	22.95	
Fines and Catalogues—		
Main Library	1,972.21	
Royal Branch	269.69	
Algiers Branch	115.66	
Napoleon Branch	365.69	
Canal Branch	276.51	
Dryades Branch	1.57	
		43,043.07
		$43,259.10

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$6,287.68	
Periodicals	1,117.03	
Binding	1,151.54	
Heating	152.41	
Printing and Stationery.....	592.47	
Salaries	21,386.65	
Sundries, as follows:		
Gardner, Main Library.....	240.00	
Telephone Service.....	48.00	
Porters' Salaries.....	1,023.95	
Miscellaneous Items.....	1,254.98	
		$33,254.71



ROYAL BRANCH, INTERIOR.

ROYAL BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,884.95	
Heating	46.00	
Printing and Stationery	48.36	
Binding	129.89	
General Expenses	207.38	
		$2,316.58

ALGIERS BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,789.05	
Heating	59.80	
Printing and Stationery	48.37	
General Expenses	209.87	
		2,107.09

NAPOLEON BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,854.65	
Heating	41.00	
Printing and Stationery	55.69	
Binding	196.47	
General Expenses	112.47	
		2,260.28

CANAL BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$1,884.55	
Heating	58.50	
Printing and Stationery	50.14	
Binding	117.44	
General Expenses	196.12	
		2,306.75

DRYADES BRANCH LIBRARY—

Salaries	$385.35	
Heating	41.00	
General Expenses	87.10	
Printing and Stationery	20.60	
		534.05
		$42,779.46

BALANCE IN BANKS—

Whitney-Central National Bank	$384.02	
N. O. National Bank	95.62	
		479.64
		$43,259.10

New Orleans, La., January 10, 1916.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY—SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund Balance from 1914.	$126.01
To Interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans.....	1,476.00
	$1,602.01
Expenditures—Books	1,456.62
Balance	145.39
January 10, 1916—Balance in N. O. National Bank	145.39

A. P. HOWARD,
Secretary-Treasurer, N. O. Public Library.

New Orleans, La., January 10, 1916.

CIRCULATION IN 1915.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
Home Use	200,507	63,903	35,526	67,051	52,926	420,213
Library Use.....	38,279	10,257	3,972	10,710	12,273	75,489
Totals	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	495,702

ANNUAL CIRCULATION, 1897-1915.

TABLE 2.

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903
43,176	82,551	93,000	95,055	97,516	101,974	107,697
1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
110,274	99,100	98,749	97,316	245,559	325,057	350,746
1911	1912	1913	1914	1915		
400,397	472,868	447,403	488,411	495,504		

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION CENTRAL LIBRARY 1914: 117,784.

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1915.

TABLE 3-A.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
American Origin..	6,587	6,487	7,242	6,729	6,862	6,285	6,115
English Origin....	3,099	2,880	3,463	3,109	2,987	2,820	2,826
German Origin...	243	220	276	243	202	239	202
French Origin....	418	516	544	507	493	474	400
Italian Origin.....	12	15	53	32	26	22	14
Spanish Origin...	79	63	56	59	48	50	65
Minor Languages.	73	69	82	110	95	89	113
Totals.....	10,511	10,250	11,716	10,789	10,713	9,979	9,735

TABLE 3-B.

	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	
American Origin..	6,304	5,450	5,146	5,707	5,061	73,975	
English Origin....	2,789	2,507	2,321	2,644	2,338	33,783	
German Origin...	213	160	144	219	197	2,558	
French Origin....	450	482	416	424	421	5,545	
Italian Origin.....	24	21	14	26	10	269	
Spanish Origin...	65	31	29	27	39	611	
Minor Languages.	87	63	57	76	76	990	
Totals.....	9,932	8,714	8,127	9,123	8,142	117,731	



ALGIERS BRANCH.

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1914: 33,768.

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1915.

TABLE 4-A.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
American Origin..	2,626	2,283	2,608	2,463	2,470	2,594	2,877
English Origin....	471	389	482	364	369	504	406
German Origin....	27	19	16	12	18	25	10
French Origin.....	29	28	23	19	12	17	35
Italian Origin.....	3	0	3	1	2	4	0
Spanish Origin...	2	2	2	3	1	2	1
Minor Languages.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	3,158	2,721	3,134	2,862	2,872	3,146	3,329

TABLE 4-B.

	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	
American Origin...	2,574	1,936	1,914	1,932	1,791	28,068	
English Origin.....	360	282	282	346	264	4,519	
German Origin....	21	12	14	5	11	190	
French Origin.....	29	9	26	28	17	272	
Italian Origin.....	1	7	5	5	0	31	
Spanish Origin....	1	0	1	0	1	16	
Minor Languages.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals.....	2,986	2,246	2,242	2,316	2,084	33,096	

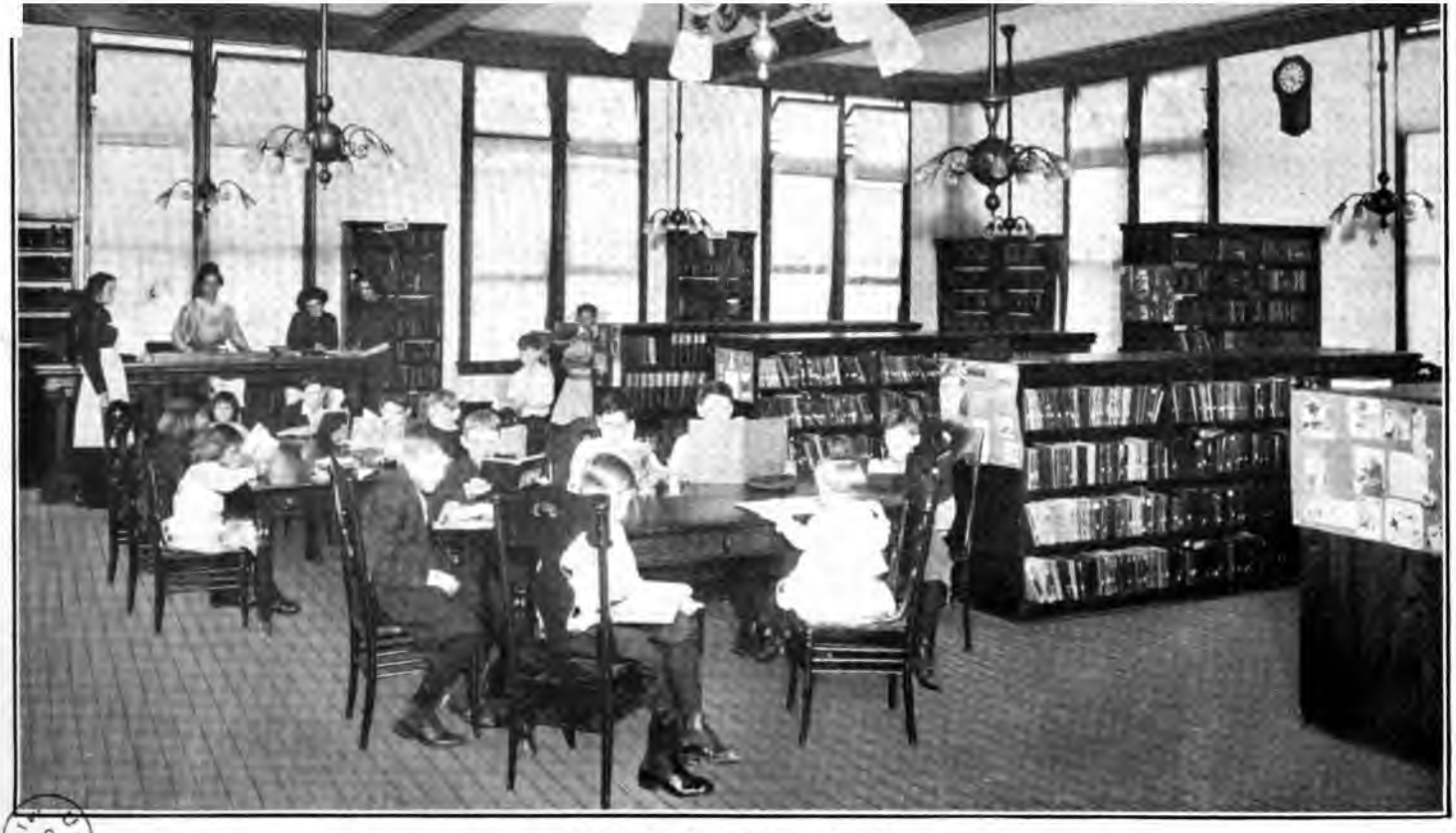
CIRCULATION OF FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1914.

TABLE 5-A.

	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
American Origin...	102,043	102,098	100,988	110,544	103,454	98,985
English Origin	38,302	38,989	35,766	43,743	45,506	45,651
German Origin ...	2,748	3,258	2,123	2,365	3,026	3,980
French Origin	5,817	5,692	6,057	6,818	7,051	7,559
Italian Origin	300	242	240	361	475	344
Spanish Origin	627	589	486	674	303	339
Minor Languages ..	990	684	691	469	520	518
Totals	150,827	151,552	146,351	164,974	160,335	157,376

TABLE 5-B.

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	
American Origin...	85,927	55,532	46,695	48,280	50,942	
English Origin	39,585	24,662	21,801	22,814	27,958	
German Origin	3,406	2,187	1,780	2,342	2,780	
French Origin	7,947	5,553	4,964	6,895	7,053	
Italian Origin	284	251	295	127	65	
Spanish Origin	350	235	115	218	181	
Minor Languages...	631	397	485	383	441	
Totals	138,130	88,817	76,135	81,059	89,420	



ALGIERS BRANCH, INTERIOR.

ULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1914: 59,336.

ULATION OF ADULT NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1915.

TABLE 6-A.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
al Works	662	682	787	692	677	422	343
ophy	208	270	330	289	236	217	231
on	231	210	279	210	217	194	202
ogy	719	792	842	848	641	651	615
ogy	219	256	260	179	193	176	174
al Science ...	316	255	334	369	401	307	258
Arts	514	492	658	599	550	447	489
Arts	350	335	470	428	338	259	315
ture	1,509	1,252	1,656	1,344	1,416	1,051	821
y, Travel, Bi-phy	1,686	1,311	1,723	1,510	1,416	1,154	946
otals	6,414	5,855	7,339	6,468	6,085	4,878	4,394

TABLE 6-B.

	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	
al Works.....	496	479	464	530	565	6,799	
ophy	218	190	183	262	224	2,850	
on	183	179	245	228	173	2,551	
ogy	662	635	593	690	689	8,377	
ogy	164	164	169	216	167	2,337	
al Science ...	198	306	261	366	312	3,683	
Arts	510	448	426	633	529	6,295	
Arts	378	359	320	389	350	4,291	
ture	850	809	1,007	1,254	1,311	14,280	
y, Travel, Bi-phy	944	912	1,093	1,260	1,275	15,230	
otals	4,595	4,481	4,761	5,828	5,295	66,693	

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY 1914: 21,983.

CIRCULATION OF JUVENILE NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1915.

TABLE 7-A.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
General Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philosophy	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Religion	98	73	108	81	70	117	34
Sociology	887	666	797	699	698	921	921
Philology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Science ...	145	117	125	147	123	133	71
Useful Arts	189	157	209	172	132	143	124
Fine Arts	120	131	202	126	158	161	148
Literature	216	251	318	249	344	244	258
History, Travel, Biography	416	381	397	371	423	353	317
Totals	2,071	1,776	2,157	1,845	1,948	2,072	1,876

TABLE 7-B.

	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	
General Works	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Philosophy	4	5	1	3	2	19	
Religion	60	65	55	88	82	931	
Sociology	806	607	577	550	457	8,586	
Philology	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Natural Science ...	120	91	61	99	77	1,309	
Useful Arts	143	115	124	160	127	1,795	
Fine Arts	120	75	87	131	100	1,559	
Literature	238	198	208	292	244	3,060	
History, Travel, Biography	242	242	274	354	236	4,006	
Totals	1,733	1,398	1,387	1,678	1,325	21,266	

IRCULATION OF NON-FICTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1905-1914.

TABLE 8-A.

	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
neral Works	6,800	6,755	7,624	7,846	9,406	9,930
ilosophy	2,869	2,493	1,694	1,375	1,197	1,403
ligion	3,482	3,146	3,204	2,882	2,964	2,407
ciology	16,963	15,919	16,558	17,216	12,777	9,975
ilology	2,337	2,594	2,222	1,863	1,867	1,585
tural Science	4,992	4,370	3,601	3,460	2,820	2,687
eful Arts	8,090	6,078	4,450	4,135	3,830	3,224
ne Arts	5,850	5,093	4,682	4,628	3,772	3,231
terature	17,340	16,239	15,570	16,092	14,330	10,745
story, Travel, Biography	19,236	18,632	19,185	18,881	19,656	15,584
Totals	87,959	81,319	78,790	78,378	72,442	60,771

TABLE 8-B.

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	
neral Works	6,806	3,549	2,796	4,184	2,510	
ilosophy	932	728	576	661	746	
ligion	1,901	887	668	616	822	
ciology	9,306	3,618	2,484	1,395	1,378	
ilology	1,209	636	689	183	270	
tural Science	2,234	1,570	1,253	746	1,045	
eful Arts	2,640	1,600	1,345	987	1,039	
ne Arts	2,473	1,268	994	811	1,034	
erature	9,952	6,102	5,502	3,830	4,823	
story, Travel, Biography	13,378	6,019	4,865	4,277	6,513	
Totals	50,831	25,997	21,180	7,690	20,180	

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1914: 142,404.

CIRCULATION OF ADULT FICTION, BRANCHES, 1915.

TABLE 9.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
American Origin	24,943	14,143	28,812	25,928	93,826
English Origin	10,304	5,679	13,431	7,675	37,089
German Origin	466	188	722	213	1,589
French Origin	7,037	360	1,024	724	9,145
Italian Origin	193	16	43	6	258
Spanish Origin	302	4	4	18	388
Minor Languages	26	31	192	43	292
Totals	43,271	20,421	44,288	34,607	142,587



NAPOLEON BRANCH.

LATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1914: 49,649.

ULATION OF JUVENILE FICTION, BRANCHES, 1915.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
n Origin	12,697	5,921	14,978	10,361	43,957
Origin	2,139	2,049	1,736	1,632	7,556
ı Origin	87	232	93	139	551
Origin	232	123	56	124	535
Origin.....	9	16	11	20	56
ı Origin	2	19	4	41	66
anguages	1	5	0	0	6
tals	15,167	8,365	16,878	12,317	52,727



NAPOLEON BRANCH, INTERIOR.

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ANNUAL CIRCULATION, BRANCHES, 1908-1915.

TABLE 13.

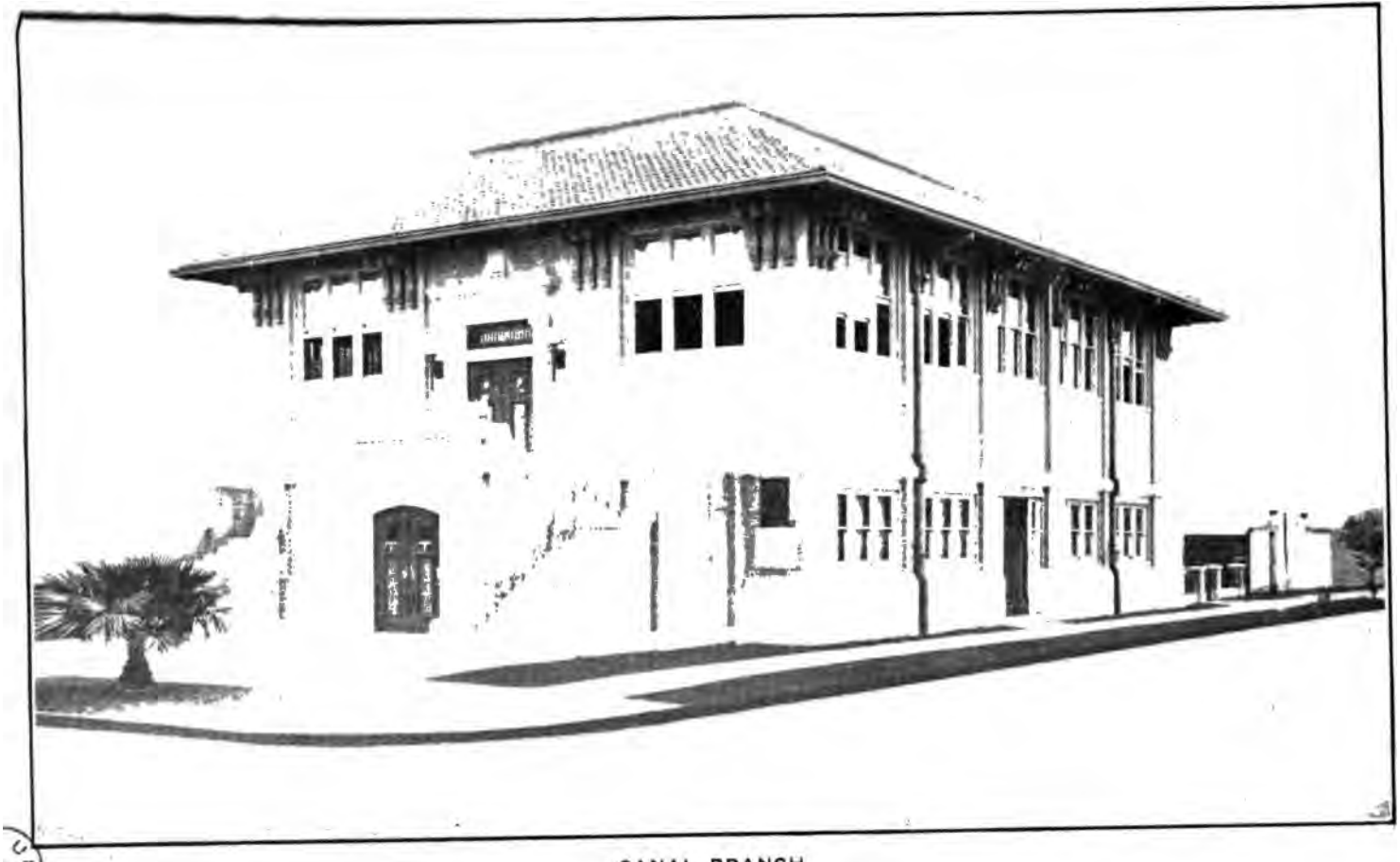
	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	Totals
Royal	57,080	61,632	61,381	61,566	65,904	65,785	72,193	74,160	519,701
Algiers	37,004	29,017	32,905	37,007	41,637	33,275	37,089	39,528	287,402
Napoleon ..	36,679	45,447	38,313	51,138	60,099	61,047	75,017	77,761	445,501
Canal				17,929	61,876	62,155	71,241	65,269	278,470

Circulation of Non-Fiction in Main Library and Branches, 1914	144,806

CIRCULATION OF NON-FICTION IN MAIN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES, 1915.

TABLE 15.

General Works	9,700
Philosophy	3,397
Religion	7,156
Sociology	35,621
Philology	3,452
Natural Science	7,506
Useful Arts	12,321
Fine Arts	9,697
Literature	28,829
History, Travel, Biography	31,684
Total	149,363



CANAL BRANCH.

TABLE 16—A

	Guarantee	Deposit	Total 1915	Total 1914	Total 1913	Total 1912	Total 1911	Total 1910	Total 1909	Total 1908	Total 1907	Total 1906	Total 1905
January	606	39	645	811	568	838	859	704	851	686	266	255	307
February	682	41	723	622	596	667	744	733	659	751	222	269	326
March	804	16	820	778	751	730	805	960	819	780	230	344	301
April	569	12	581	649	668	536	660	689	745	640	261	242	246
May	497	17	514	566	607	489	578	776	603	715	269	276	218
June	623	12	635	543	547	543	583	680	641	530	194	285	280
July	575	8	583	688	642	521	699	768	681	622	248	413	350
August	553	13	566	658	601	421	697	752	601	579	284	355	364
September	419	12	431	757	524	324	1,000	575	439	467	212	339	364
October	490	19	509	880	713	494	858	690	595	433	472	353	306
November	817	10	827	728	699	473	703	649	633	985	460	255	283
December	387	32	419	576	636	362	681	641	477	683	516	253	196
Totals	7,022	231	7,253	8,156	7,552	6,398	8,864	8,617	7,744	7,871	3,634	3,639	3,541

Of this number in 1915—22,295 cards were in use.
" " " 1914—21,796 cards were in use.
" " " 1913—22,417 cards were in use.
" " " 1912—23,017 cards were in use.
" " " 1911—17,130 cards were in use.
" " " 1910—17,044 cards were in use.

Of this number in 1909—15,172 cards were in use.
" " " 1908—11,391 cards were in use.
" " " 1907— 7,186 cards were in use.
" " " 1906— 7,185 cards were in use.
" " " 1905— 6,740 cards were in use.

ACCESSIONS, 1905-1915.

TABLE 17-A.

	Purchase	Gifts	Totals 1915	Totals 1914	Totals 1913	Totals 1912	Totals 1911
January..	604	31	635	1,067	965	529	420
February.	520	21	541	944	1,200	634	939
March ...	1,120	9	1,129	1,267	1,065	570	789
April	1,100	19	1,119	1,112	1,024	650	578
May	892	11	903	786	1,086	611	1,378
June	1,036	18	1,054	376	781	690	1,345
July	236	44	280	878	300	464	899
August ...	811	21	832	645	439	444	1,217
September	575	165	740	954	804	482	485
October ..	795	82	877	628	1,049	1,021	1,223
November.	663	37	700	703	1,122	979	810
December.	1,118	182	1,300	648	1,143	1,131	1,010
Total...	9,470	640	10,110	10,008	10,978	8,205	11,093

TABLE 17-B.

	Totals 1910	Totals 1909	Totals 1908	Totals 1907	Totals 1906	Totals 1905	
January..	297	297	2,038	218	105	560	
February.	317	322	906	296	130	360	
March ...	768	345	641	223	103	240	
April	313	321	844	311	342	370	
May	578	418	748	172	240	340	
June.....	534	453	622	251	80	245	
July	501	331	418	641	288	278	
August...	208	273	363	2,162	93	106	
September	592	265	331	834	254	240	
October ..	639	552	202	1,189	237	530	
November.	351	222	607	2,845	139	444	
December.	681	238	1,235	3,006	113	200	
Total...	5,779	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921	

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ACCESSIONED, 1905-1915.

TABLE 18-A.

	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
General Works..	318	431	341	384	441	305
Philosophy	158	226	235	70	80	63
Religion	429	368	418	130	219	113
Sociology	971	889	987	675	572	590
Philology	101	159	92	38	76	72
Natural Science..	242	287	367	90	231	139
Useful Arts.....	1,103	483	522	269	283	214
Fine Arts.....	378	538	367	102	225	166
Literature	1,165	999	1,223	1,595	1,625	598
Travel	433	472	437	244	300	191
Biography	531	907	368	251	318	254
History	648	559	598	373	564	298
Fiction	3,633	3,690	5,023	3,974	6,159	2,776
Totals.....	10,110	10,008	10,978	8,205	11,093	5,779

TABLE 18-B.

	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	
General Works..	290	543	370	173	125	
Philosophy	17	48	74	31	73	
Religion	34	89	161	34	112	
Sociology	211	380	817	135	267	
Philology	11	95	63	13	55	
Natural Science..	21	180	365	39	183	
Useful Arts.....	71	279	399	87	170	
Fine Arts.....	40	98	266	25	134	
Literature	286	1,081	909	144	422	
Travel	158	228	439			
Biography	121	373	539			
History	255	438	820	290	631	
Fiction	2,523	5,123	6,926	1,153	1,749	
Totals.....	4,038	8,955	12,148	2,124	3,921	

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES,
MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES IN 1914.

Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
$1,967.89	$295.96	$122.80	$344.38	$317.28	$3,048.31

The sum of $6.39 was received from the sale of waste paper.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES,
MONEY RECEIVED FROM FINES AND CATALOGUES IN 1915.

TABLE 19.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Totals
January	$165.86	$24.43	$13.04	$40.04	$27.18	$270.55
February	184.94	22.32	10.34	30.27	20.15	268.02
March	182.55	20.66	10.78	34.45	23.20	271.64
April	186.07	22.32	13.06	30.74	25.30	277.49
May	170.95	22.40	7.26	35.29	22.64	258.54
June	158.29	24.46	9.03	28.36	23.09	243.23
July	133.25	19.05	9.22	28.83	18.88	209.23
August	132.03	20.88	5.36	20.95	17.95	197.17
September	110.68	15.57	4.78	16.52	17.07	164.62
October	179.22	30.29	13.69	35.74	33.00	291.94
November	160.44	21.00	8.61	32.61	23.25	245.91
December	207.98	26.31	10.49	31.89	24.80	301.42
Totals	$1,972.21	$269.69	$115.66	$365.69	$276.51	$2,999.76



CANAL BRANCH, INTERIOR.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS, 1914: 84,104.

ATTENDANCE OF READERS IN REFERENCE, READING AND NEWSPAPER ROOMS, 1907-1915.

TABLE 20-A.

	WEEKDAYS		SUNDAYS		TOTAL
	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	Reference and Reading Rooms	Newspaper Room	1915
January	5,079	2,849	309	320	8,557
February	5,634	2,607	292	226	8,760
March	6,254	3,148	264	253	9,919
April	3,674	2,431	143	150	6,398
May	3,834	2,917	267	276	7,294
June	3,354	2,885	165	210	6,614
July	3,164	3,353	132	157	6,806
August	3,115	2,979	199	294	6,587
September	3,745	2,636	166	235	6,782
October	3,027	2,851	294	279	6,451
November	3,696	3,012	249	239	7,196
December	4,421	3,510	199	205	8,335
Total	48,997	35,178	2,680	2,844	89,699

TABLE 20-B.

	TOTAL							
	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907
January	8,844	8,852	10,932	11,631	9,417	10,289	7,412	5,337
February	7,933	9,229	10,294	9,664	9,211	8,924	6,659	5,104
March	8,872	8,007	10,499	10,571	7,264	10,379	6,108	4,576
April	6,967	7,337	7,458	6,615	5,767	7,882	5,420	4,214
May	5,990	6,419	6,564	6,551	6,300	7,288	5,234	3,586
June	4,942	5,536	6,033	5,074	6,354	6,493	4,226	3,411
July	4,649	5,753	6,306	5,488	5,542	6,790	4,106	2,082
August	6,781	5,819	5,525	6,685	7,137	6,047	4,035	3,071
September	6,147	5,575	5,162	5,957	7,546	5,181	3,983	2,086
October	6,958	5,795	7,006	7,376	8,531	5,984	3,812	3,751
November	7,887	6,122	7,611	8,372	9,003	6,533	8,075	4,705
December	8,134	7,368	8,090	8,948	10,317	8,087	9,260	5,799
Totals	84,104	81,812	91,480	92,932	92,389	89,877	68,330	47,672

A. L. A. COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION—PROPOSED FORM.

TABLE 21.

ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Name of Library	New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town	New Orleans.
State	Louisiana.
Terms of Use	Free for lending. Yes. Free for reference. Yes. Free to limited class, as students. Subscription.
Number of Branches	Four.
Days Open During the Year	Central Library, 357 days; Branches, 305 days.
Hours open each week for lending and reading	Central Library, 76 hours; Branches, 66 hours.

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	111,723	15,476	127,199
Number of volumes added during year by purchase. } Number of volumes added during year by gift	7,506	2,502	10,008
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year	796	479	1,275
Total number at end of year (Count bound books only.)	118,433	17,499	135,932
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	251,059	68,747	319,806
Number of volumes lent for home use (See rules for counting circulation.)	303,603	106,578	410,181

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$663.48	Books	$7,249.51
Local taxation (city appropriation)	37,500.00	Periodicals	1,142.53
State grants	None	Binding	1,458.68
Endowment funds	3,975.96	Salaries, library service	24,418.85
Membership fees	None	" janitor service	4,820.00
Fine and sale of publication	3,048.21	Rent	None
Duplicate pay collection	None	Light	Inc. in City Contract
Gifts	None	Permanent improvement	None
Other sources	106.54	Other expenses	5,862.58
		Balance on hand	342.04
Total	$45,294.19	Total	$45,294.19

Number of prints loaned for home use None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year 8,156
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received. (Number of copies not titles)
Number of persons using library for reading aud study. (Total figures of attendance in reading rooms, if kept) 84,104

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Number of volumes added during year by purchase. } Number of volumes added during year by gift	7,582	2,528	10,110
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year	944	460	1,404
Total number at end of year (Count bound books only.)	125,071	19,567	144,638
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	255,300	70,802	326,102
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation.)	315,544	104,469	420,013

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$342.04	Books	$6,287.68
Local taxation (city appropriation)	37,500.00	Periodicals	1,117.03
State grants	None	Binding	1,685.34
Endowment funds	3,975.96	Salaries, library service	25,019.85
Membership fees	None	" janitor service	4,803.95
Fine and sale of publication	3,001.33	Rent	None
Duplicate pay collection	None	Light	Inc. in City Contract
Gifts	None	Permanent improvements	None
Other sources	41.78	Other expenses	5,322.23
		Balance on hand	625.03
Total	$44,861.11	Total	$44,861.11

Number of prints loaned for home use None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year 7,253
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (titles)
Number of persons using library for reading and study. (Total figures of attendance in reading rooms, if kept) 89,699

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Chicago Daily Tribune.
Cincinnati Enquirer.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Cuba.
Dallas Morning News.
Denver Rocky Mountain News.
Des Moines News.
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Kansas City Times.
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La Tribuna.
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Los Angeles Examiner.
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Delineator.
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Engineering Magazine.
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Export American Industries.
Exporter's Encyclopedia.
Farm and Ranch.
Field and Stream.
Fine Arts Journal.
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Good Roads Magazine.

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Industrial Arts Index.
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Journal of American Folk-Lore.
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Journal of Political Economy.
Judge.
Kindergarten Primary Magazine.
Kindergarten and First Grade.
Knowledge.
Ladies Home Journal.
Lectures Pour Tous.
Leslie's Weekly.
Library Journal.
Life.
Lighting Journal.
Literary Digest.
Little Folks Cassino.
Living Age.
Lutheran Quarterly.
Lyceum Magazine.
McBride's Magazine.
McClure's Magazine.
Machinery.
Manual Training and Vocational Education.
Manufacturers Record.
Marine Journal.
Merchandise and Equipment.
Merchants Record and Show Window.
Metal Industry.
Metal Worker.

Methodist Review.
Milk Reporter.
Missionary Review of the World.
Mississippi Valley Historical Review.
Monetary Record.
Motion Picture News.
Motography.
Motor.
Motor Age.
Motor Boat.
Moving Picture World.
Municipal Engineering.
Municipal Journal.
Munsey's Magazine.
Musical Courier.
Musician.
Nash and Pall Mall.
Nation.
National Geographic Magazine.
National Municipal Review.
Nautical Gazette.
New York Times Index.
Nineteenth Century and After.
North American Review.
Official Guide of Railways of the United States.
Open Court.
Out Door Life.
Outing Magazine.
Outlook American.
Outlook English.
Overland Monthly.
Painter and Decorator.
Painters Magazine Paint and Wall Paper Dealer.
Pearson's Magazine.
Pedagogical Seminary.
Petroleum Gazette.
Physical Culture.

Picture-Play Magazine.
Pitman's Journal.
Plant World.
Playground.
Plumbers Trade Journal.
Poet-Lore.
Political Science Quarterly.
Popular Astronomy.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Photography.
Poultry Review.
Power.
Primary Education.
Progressive Farmer.
Psychological Clinic.
Public.
Public Libraries.
Publishers' Weekly.
Puck.
Quarterly Journal of Economics.
Quarterly Review.
Railway Mechanical Engineer.
Readers Guide Supplement.
Readers Guide to Periodical Literature.
Review and Expositor.
Revue des Deux Mondes.
Rice Journal and Southern Farmer.
Rough Notes.
Rudder.
St. Nicholas.
Saturday Evening Post.
School Arts Magazine.
School Review.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
Scientific Monthly.

Scribner's Magazine.
Sewanee Review.
Single Tax Review.
Something To Do.
South Atlantic Quarterly.
Southern Banker.
Southern Fruit Grower.
Southern Lumberman.
Southern Merchant.
Southwest.
Sphere.
Story Tellers' Magazine.
Sugar.
Survey.
Teachers College Record.
Teachers Monographs.
Textile World Journal.
Theatre.
Trade and Transportation.
Travel.
Uber Land und Meer.
United States Official Postal Guide.
Violin World.
Vogue.
Wide World Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
Woodworker.
World's Work.
Writer's Monthly.
Youth's Companion.
Equipment and Merchandise.

GIFTS.

Alumni Bulletin University of Virginia.
American Iron and Steel Industry.
American Lumberman.
Americus.

Annals of the Propagation of the Faith.
Athenee Louisianais.
Bible Student.
Bill Board.
Catholic Churchman.
Chicago Banker.
Christian Science Journal.
Christian Science Sentinel.
Club Woman's Magazine.
Commercial Law League of America.
Congressional Record.
Cuba Review.
Das Worth.
Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine.
Der Lutheraner.
Eastern and Western Review.
El Comercio.
Extension.
Facts About Sugar.
Filipino People.
Ford Times.
Good Words.
Gregg Writer.
Journal of Zoophily.
Ladies Review.
Latin America.
Louisiana Engineering Society.
Louisiana Planter.
Louisiana State Board of Health Bulletin.
Lumber Trade Journal.
Lutheran Witness.
Matilda Zeigler Magazine.
Mercurio.
Modern Cuba.
Modern Farming.
Musical America.
National Farmer.

National Real Estate Journal.
National Humane Review.
New Orleans Board of Health Bulletin.
New Southern Citizen.
Oysterman and Fisherman.
Packard.
Pan American Magazine.
Pan American Union.
Panama Canal Record.
People's Post.
Philosophy of Health.
Pitman's Journal, Weekly.
Pitman's Journal, Monthly.
Remonstance.
Scranton Board of Trade Journal.
Southern Buck.
Southern Law Quarterly.
Southern Lutheran.
Stenotyptist.
Teachers' Forum.
Theosophical Path.
Trade Index.

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MAIN LIBRARY



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New Orleans, La., March 31, 1920.

To the Hon. Martin Behrman, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council, New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen: I respectfully submit for your consideration the very able and interesting annual reports of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library, to the Board of Directors.

In perusing the same you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statements—the good it has done, the comfort it has given to the people of the City of New Orleans—which I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

I will call your attention to its necessary yearly need and want for the increased proper dissemination of knowledge and information and in behalf of the Board of Directors, who are all enthused in its management, I make the appeal.

They will appreciate any increased assistance that can be given them to achieve that end.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,
President.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEARS 1916-1919.

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen: The last three years cover a period most unusual in library history, and the character and spirit of library work has been more subject and responsive to influences both from without and from within than ever before. The mental habitudes of the reading public were altered and diverted from their usual direction, the habits of life of many were interrupted and changed materially. A considerable percentage of the people of each community left their homes. New subjects, or subjects heretofore of minor importance thrust themselves upon the attention of the world and demanded an abnormal share of time and consideration.

The social and economic spirit of unrest was felt not only in the books read but even more pronouncedly in its influence upon the workers in the libraries. This was accentuated and augmented by the enormously increased cost of living, and hundreds of library employees left the library to seek new fields furnishing a change to satisfy their restlessness and guaranteeing a wage more in keeping with the demands of life. In some of the cities as many as one-third of the library staff has quit in six months and their places cannot be filled, though the increase of reading and the increasing standard of the character of the books read require more and better equipped library workers.

In 1918 the library went through, perhaps, the most trying year of its existence. It lost, through causes directly attributable to the war, over two thousand borrowers and over twice that number of those who were giving a large part of their time to the auxiliary bodies organized to aid in

carrying on the war by means of the many forms of activities which the civilian could engage in. Already economizing, it seemed to the uttermost, we were forced to still more rigid economy to pay off the balance of the debt incurred in opening the colored branch. A large part of our staff quit us to take more remunerative positions, the entire cataloguing force being among those who left. We suffered severely through the illness of our employees; for about three months more than one-fifth of our people were away from work. The price of books and of all supplies used by the library increased materially, and some supplies, even at the increased cost, were difficult to procure. A considerable part of my time was given to war work, some of which carried me over the entire State and through Mississippi. In order that the library might not suffer from this loss of time, however, I abandoned my vacation and gave to library service the month I usually take. The most serious of the difficulties to overcome was to retain the members of our staff. The government's largest demand for women workers was made upon the libraries, as they furnished most capable filing clerks, and the salaries offered, from one thousand to twelve hundred dollars, were very attractive. Towards the end of the year the Mayor came to our relief and secured the passage of an ordinance providing for a sufficient appropriation to permit the library board to raise the salaries of the staff and other employees thirty per cent and to increase the salary of the librarian by about half that per centum. This increase was welcomed and appreciated, and it has helped very much in holding the balance of our staff.

We take some pride from the fact that during 1918 and 1919, in spite of the influenza and the shortage of fuel, the library service was not interrupted even for a single day.

Two very important measures affecting the qualifications of our future staff were, this year, reported to the Board by the Secretary and were adopted. One is the requirement of the Civil Service Commission that all applicants for the examination for library positions shall have





at least a high school certificate. The other is the establishment of the apprentice or cadet system for the eligibles.

One of the vital lessons learned by the young men in the army was the necessity of education—education, not superficial or even cultural, but definite, practical and thorough, and there was not a single college of high standing that did not, at the beginning of last college term, turn hundreds of applicants away because of the lack of classroom accommodation and lack of professors for the instruction of these students. The library as well as the college has felt tremendously the effect of this great influence on our life today. It is distressing to feel day by day the impossibility through lack of money of meeting this demand more than half way. Each year, I regretfully call the attention of the board to the fact that our library receives for its support a little over one-third as much as any other library its size in the United States. It is only by practicing the most rigid economies and by paying small salaries that we are able to continue in operation. The cost of books has increased about fifty per cent and the cost of general supplies and printing has risen from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five per cent. At the next making of the city budget we must seek a material increase in our appropriation or we shall be forced to lower the standard of service that we are now maintaining.

One form of work for which we especially need money is the development of facilities that will enable us to keep pace with and meet the demands that the growing importance of vocational education is making upon us. Another problem that depends for its solution upon more money is the provision of a sufficient collection of technical works to answer the requirements of the skilled workers, who have realized that advancement and improvement in their trades and crafts come very slowly unless labor is accompanied by study. The completion of the Delgado Trade School will only accentuate the demand for books of this character.

Our greatest need, however, is a larger number of Branches. I know that nothing can be done in this matter,

but I feel that I should, year by year, remind the Board of this need so that we shall be prepared to establish these Branches as soon as the opportunity arises. In a previous report I strongly urged the establishment of five small, specially organized circulating branches, and was requested by the Board to make recommendations as to their location. I suggested that the first, a business branch, be established as near as possible to the Canal street business centre; the second, in the neighborhood of Joseph and Prytania streets; the third, near Carrollton Avenue, between Spruce and Mobile streets; the fourth, near Esplanade Avenue and Rocheblave street; the fifth, on or near Rampart, between Louisa and Poland streets. If the Branch near Canal should be found too expensive, I suggested that it be located near Napoleon Avenue and Freret street, and be designed for general circulation. I have repeated these locations and recommendations in order to preserve a record of them.

A very considerable and a very important part of our activities is the work done by us in co-operating with the schools. The small number of employees on our staff makes it impossible to do this work as systematically and as thoroughly as it should be done.

In 1916 Mr. J. E. Bowden resigned from the Board, and was succeeded by Mr. Jas. D. Hayward. In 1917 the vacancy left by the death of Mr. George W. Flynn was filled by the election of Mr. D. D. Moore. Mr. Howard resigned in 1918 to take up war work, and was succeeded by Mr. S. E. Livaudais.

During the year 1919 the Board was twice visited by death. On April 7th, we lost our President, Mr. John Fitzpatrick, and on May the 11th, Mr. H. F. Baldwin, Chairman of our Finance Committee. Mr. Joseph H. De Grange was elected to the Presidency, and Mr. Charles F. Claiborne to the Vice-Presidency of the Board, and the vacancy was filled by the re-election of Mr. Alvin P. Howard. In August,

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the generous benefactor of the library, died. Out of respect to his memory, the Main Library and all Branches were closed on the day of his funeral, August 14th.

Our collection of books numbers 168,493. Of this number 112,404 are in the Main Library; 13,253 are in the Royal Branch; 11,185 are in the Algiers Branch; 12,353 in the Napoleon Branch; 12,195 in the Canal Branch, and 6,803 in the Dryades Colored Branch.

This number of books is the result of the addition, during the four years covered by this report, of 30,888 volumes, about one-half going to the Main Library and one-half to the Branches. The withdrawals for the same period were 6,604 volumes.

The number of the volumes of gifts that have been received is 2,116. Duke acknowledgment of these has been made.

The circulation for the last year was 477,973. The Main Library issued 215,141; Royal Branch, 64,370; Algiers Branch, 36,759; Napoleon Branch, 72,961; Canal Branch, 66,716; Dryades Branch, 22,025.

The average circulation for the four years has been (Main Library and Branches) 491,250: Main Library, 222,372; Royal Branch, 68,743; Algiers Branch, 36,947; Napoleon Branch, 76,322; Canal Branch, 65,903; Dryades Branch, 20,966.

The number of readers in the Reference Room, the Magazine Room and the Newspaper Room for 1919 was 89,976. The number of borrowers withdrawing books is about 22,000.

In compliance with an act of the Louisiana Legislature, all books in German have been withdrawn from every department.

Arrangements were made to furnish books to the firemen in each of the engine houses. The results from this

work have been more than satisfactory, and the grade of books required for this service is gratifyingly high.

Under a new rule, pupils from adjoining parishes but attending schools in the city are allowed to borrow from our libraries.

Four vacancies in 1919 were created on the staff, three through the resignation of Misses Flanagan and Pailet, and that of Delia Allen of the Colored Branch, and one by the death of Miss Owen. These vacancies have been filled by the permanent appointment of Misses Leone, Barnes and Billon, and the temporary appointment to the Colored Branch of Anita Johnson.

In 1918 there were eight resignations, including the entire cataloguing force. Most of these ladies resigned to take government clerical positions, the salaries being considerably in excess of those paid by the library.

I have previously referred to the adoption of measures affecting the qualifications of our future staff. One of these was the establishment of the apprentice or cadet system for the eligibles, which requires a three months' apprentice course at the library. The first ten eligibles constitute a class. Vacancies on the staff are filled from it in order of merit, and vacancies in the class from the eligibles on the list and in order of merit. The Board was advised of the other provision by its Secretary, and came as the result of his conference with the Mayor, the Ex Officio President of the Civil Service Commission. This is a requirement that all applicants for examination for Library positions shall have at least a high school certificate. These two rules will do more to put us on a parity with the other libraries of the country than anything else that we have done for years.

In each of the years 1916 and 1917 there were two resignations.

In the four years the Librarian sent out 20,243 pieces of signed mail.

In the past year the Circulating Department prepared a larger number of displays and issued more reading lists



ALGIERS BRANCH.



than usual, and during the last three months of the year tabulated the circulation of all books, arranging the table in order of popularity. This list furnished us an absolute guide as the wishes of our readers and provided an excellent purchase list.

The most important of the reading lists were those on Advertising, Banking and Cotton. A few of the other lists were: Lumber and Forestry, Home Suggestions, Vocation Reading, Americanization, Gardens, Spiritism, and Real Estate and Business Methods. Some of the lists for the other years were: Latin America, Human Conservation, Preparedness, Famous Trials, Childhood to Manhood, Mothers, Crime and Its Detection, Louisiana, Social Life in England, Commerce, Business Administration, Dyes and Dyestuffs, Books for Stenographers and Typewriters, Social Life in France and Italy and Russia, Patriotic Books, Heroines of War, Summer Pastimes, Southern Mountains, Food, School Savings Banks, Men and Women Who Have Died for Their Country, Social Work, Organized Charities, Twentieth Century Drama, Salesmanship, Marine Engineering, Navigation, Woman's Work in Wartime and Industrial Education.

The lists for prize essays were:

Henry W. Allen, Build a Home, Advertising Louisiana's Resources, Animals, Enlistment in the U. S. Army, and General Alfred Mouton.

The lists for debates were:

Woman Suffrage, Popular Election of Senators, Six-year Presidential Term, Navy, Compulsory Arbitration of Industrial Disputes, High Cost of Living, Military Training, Co-education, Government Ownership of Railroads, and Capital Punishment.

The most popular displays were: World War, Centenary of American Authors, Valentine, National Song Week, Prohibition and Taxation, Spring, Playground Opera Woman, Food and Thrift.

The work in the Reference Department and the Ci

logging Department has been of the same character as usual.

The Mending Department in 1919 sewed and set in covers 1,020 books; set in covers without resewing, 2,808 books; mended 2,540 others, and bound 542 pamphlets. This is above the average for the four years, with the exception of the number of books mended, which is less than half of the usual record.

The Periodical Department now receives 36 newspapers and 232 other periodicals. This does not include Federal, State, Municipal and other similar documents.

The Documents Department received since January 1st, 1916: Federal documents, bound 483, unbound 5,862; Louisiana and New Orleans documents, bound 14, unbound 105; other States and cities, bound 31, unbound 896.

The number received in 1919 were: from the United States Government, 199 bound and 2,162 unbound documents; from Louisiana and New Orleans, 40 documents; from other States and cities, 448 documents. The publications most called for were those of the Bureau of Education, Geological Survey, Patent Office, Census Bureau (special reports), Agricultural Department, Interstate Commerce Commission, War Department, and the American State Papers.

The Juvenile Department has a collection of 9,558 books, selected for boys and girls under sixteen years of age. The circulation for the year was 59,403. This was a little disappointing, as the circulation should be equal to that of the more successful Branches. Its average circulation for four years has been 50,170. Special efforts have been made to make up this deficit in circulation. Through the courtesy of Mr. [illegible], Superintendent of Public Schools, every school was visited, and the interest of teachers and pupils stimulated. Prizes in workmanship of our young readers were encouraged. Exhibits were made of almost every form of handicraft that appeals to boys, and whole tables were covered daily with specimens of the needle work of girls. Many books were arranged immediately in front of animal and bird cages of the zoological collection in

Audubon Park. Bird societies were organized, and the repeated endeavors to assist and interest the Boy Scouts proved our willingness to serve.

I regret to report that the Branches seem to have come to a standstill in the matter of circulation. No special work was undertaken during the year by any of them, and none report on any phase of work out of the usual routine.

I respectfully submit the above as my report for the year 1919.

HENRY M. GILL,

Feb. 11, 1920. Librarian.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance from 1915		$479.6
City of New Orleans, appropriation	$37,500.00	
Interest on deposits	18.79	
Bourbon street property, rent	2,499.96	
Sales waste paper, etc.	19.12	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	1,949.68	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	259.03	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	111.43	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	311.27	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	260.41	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	48.34—	42,978.0
Total receipts		$43,557.6

EXPENDITURES.

Main Library—		
Books	$4,718.00	
Periodicals	1,189.56	
Binding	878.17	
Heating	97.36	
Insurance	341.40	
Printing and stationery	1,039.20	
Salaries	21,880.10	
General expense	2,644.63—	32,788.42
Royal Branch—		
Salaries	1,893.25	
Heating	19.00	
Printing and stationery	95.98	
Binding	120.05	
General expenses	203.28—	2,331.56
Algiers Branch—		
Salaries	1,749.65	
Heating	8.00	
Printing and stationery	77.90	
Binding	1.27	
General expenses	224.18—	2,061.00
Napoleon Branch—		
Salaries	1,882.15	
Heating	19.00	
Printing and stationery	101.36	
Binding	156.00	
General expenses	237.87—	2,397.18



NAPOLEON BRANCH.



Canal Branch—			
Salaries	1,895.65		
Heating	27.00		
Printing and stationery	98.90		
Binding	104.50		
General expense	171.05—	2,297.10	
Dryades Branch—			
Salaries	1,415.00		
Heating	8.20		
Printing and stationery	74.13		
General expenses	82.63—	1,579.96	
Total expenditures		$43,455.22	
By balance in banks—			
Whitney Central Nat.	.48		
N. O. Nat.	1.97—	2.45—	43,457.67

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 11, 1917.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund, balance from 1915	$145.39
To interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,476.00
Total	$1,621.39
Expenditures—	
Books	1,602.06
Balance	$19.33
Jan. 10, 1917—Balance in New Orleans National Bank	19.33

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 10, 1917.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance for 1917		$2.
City of New Orleans, appropriation	$38,000.00	
Interest on deposits	11.03	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	1,866.99	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	278.46	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	116.31	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	258.77	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	248.91	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	53.31	
Bourbon street property, rents	2,499.96	
Miscellaneous sales waste paper	90.24—	43,423.
Total receipts		$43,426.

EXPENDITURES.

Main Library—			
Books	$5,636.10		
Periodicals	1,371.23		
Binding	742.07		
Heating	195.04		
Printing and stationery	440.69		
Salaries	21,257.95		
General expenses	2,865.48		
American Library Association, for libraries at Army Cantonments	500.00—	$33,008.56	
Royal Branch—			
Salaries	1,906.00		
Heating	39.25		
Printing and stationery	53.84		
Binding	147.53		
General expenses	140.25—	2,286.87	
Algiers Branch—			
Salaries	1,754.75		
Heating	32.40		
Printing and stationery	44.88		
Binding	66.77		
General expenses	165.20—	2,064.00	
Napoleon Branch—			
Salaries	1,873.45		
Heating	31.25		
Printing and stationery	58.93		
Binding	105.32		
General expenses	102.31—	2,171.26	

Canal Branch—			
Salaries	1,922.00		
Heating	61.35		
Printing and stationery	59.19		
Binding	118.39		
General expenses	159.46—	2,320.39	
Dryades Branch—			
Salaries	1,415.00		
Heating	47.10		
Printing and stationery	29.02		
Binding			
General expenses	54.24—	1,545.36	
Total expenditures		$43,396.44	
By balance in banks—			
Whitney-Central Bank	10.70		
New Orleans Nat. Bank	19.29—	29.99—	43,426.43

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., January 25, 1918.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To Simon Hernsheim Fund, balance from 1916	$19.33
To interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480.00
	$1,499.33
Expenditures—	
Books	937.63
	$561.70
Jan. 10, 1917—Balance New Orleans National Bank	561.70

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., January 25, 1918.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

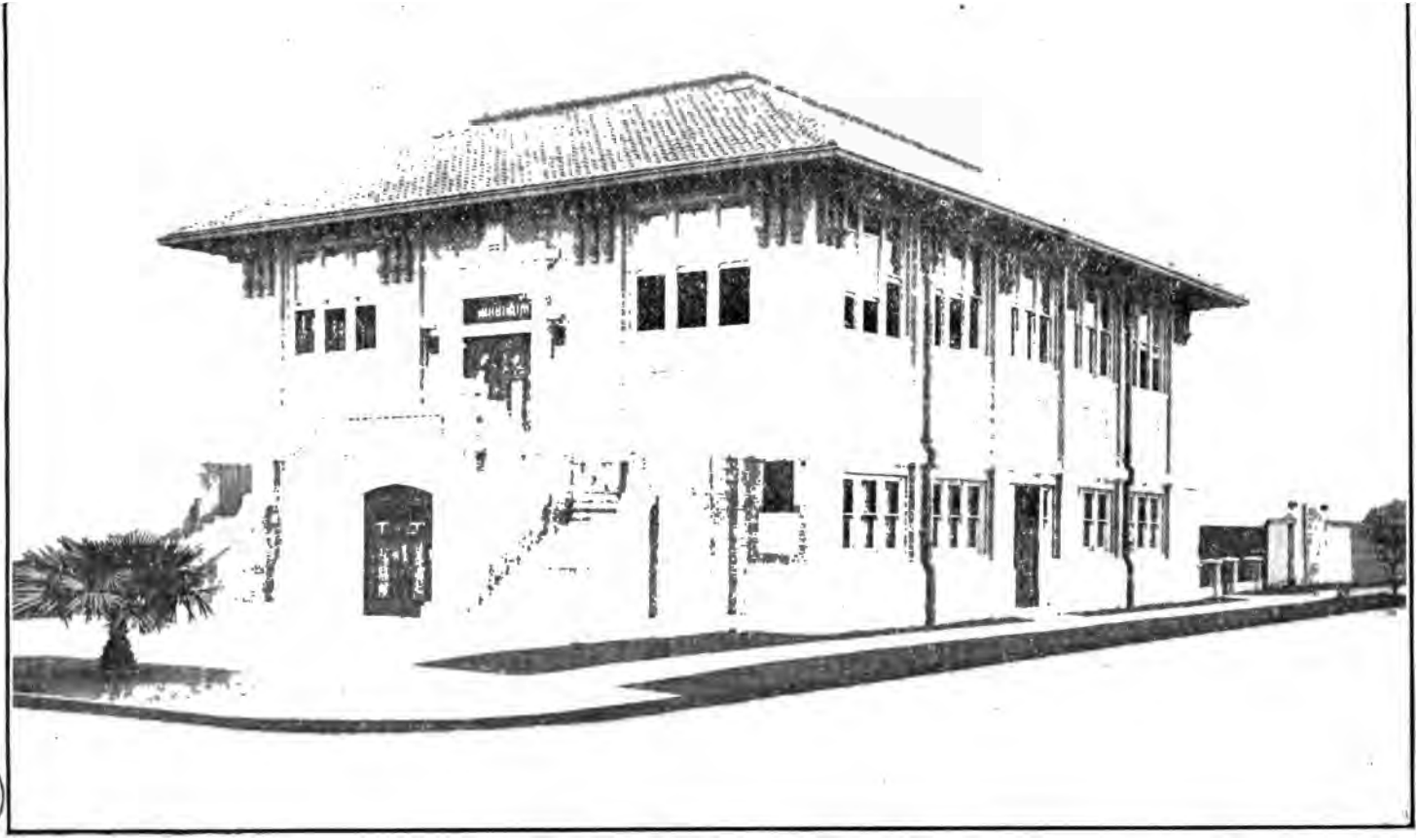
Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance from 1917		$29.99
City of New Orleans, appropriation	$41,500.00	
Interest on deposits	2.69	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	2,012.17	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	277.59	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	184.00	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	273.71	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	222.15	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	60.66	
Bourbon street property, rents	2,499.96	
Miscellaneous sales waste paper	63.91	47,096.84
Total receipts		$47,126.83

EXPENDITURES.

Main Library—		
Books	$6,126.50	
Periodicals	1,214.41	
Binding	704.79	
Heating	600.24	
Printing and stationery	329.86	
Salaries	23,320.30	
General expenses	2,844.00	35,140.10
Royal Branch—		
Salaries	2,155.50	
Heating	89.50	
Printing and stationery	61.65	
Binding	109.59	
General expenses	137.53	2,553.77
Algiers Branch—		
Salaries	2,085.50	
Heating	107.75	
Printing and stationery	59.28	
Binding	137.96	
General expenses	176.46	2,566.95
Napoleon Branch—		
Salaries	2,001.50	
Heating	86.00	
Printing and stationery	65.79	
Binding	102.49	
General expenses	121.83	2,377.61



CANAL BRANCH

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Canal Branch—			
Salaries	2,084.70		
Heating	86.77		
Printing and stationery	65.73		
Binding	74.18		
General expenses	143.41—	2,454.79	
Dryades Branch—			
Salaries	1,810.00		
Heating	85.70		
Printing and stationery	42.65		
Binding			
General expenses	51.21—	1,989.56	
Total expenditures		$47,082.78	
By balance in banks—			
Whitney-Central Bank	$11.08		
New Orleans Nat. Bank	32.97—	.44.05—	47,126.82

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 8, 1919.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To balance from 1917	$561.70
To interest on Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480.00
	$2,041.70
Expenditures—	
Books	1,997.23
	$44.47
Jan. 8—By balance New Orleans National Bank	44.47

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., January 8, 1919.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance from 1918		$44.05
City of New Orleans appropriation	$47,100.00	
Interest on deposits	13.04	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	2,287.68	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	371.03	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	246.80	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	378.94	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	307.64	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	68.66	
Bourbon street property, rents	2,499.96	
Miscellaneous sales waste paper	96.50—	53,370.25
Total receipts		$53,414.30

EXPENDITURES.

Main Library—		
Books	$6,371.66	
Periodicals	259.00	
Binding	673.74	
Heating	229.19	
Printing and stationery	331.21	
Salaries	26,694.45	
General expenses	3,517.68	
Insurance	355.50—	$38,427.43
Royal Branch—		
General expenses	404.61	
Printing and stationery	59.49	
Heating	72.50	
Binding	153.03	
Salaries	2,462.30—	3,151.93
Algiers Branch—		
General expenses	278.90	
Printing and stationery	54.97	
Heating	59.10	
Binding	68.73	
Salaries	2,441.60—	2,903.30
Napoleon Branch—		
General expenses	248.98	
Printing and stationery	62.30	
Heating	56.00	
Binding	150.38	
Salaries	2,422.05—	2,939.71

Canal Branch—			
General expenses	490.33		
Printing and stationery...	60.80		
Heating	64.00		
Binding	117.62		
Salaries	2,445.00—	3,177.75	
Dryades Branch—			
General expenses	309.67		
Printing and stationery...	48.25		
Heating	47.00		
Salaries	2,386.00—	2,790.92	
Total disbursements		$53,391.04	
By balance in banks—			
Whitney-Central Bank ...	$1.74		
New Orleans Nat. Bank..	21.52—	23.26—	53,414.30

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

To balance from 1918	$44.47
To interest Constitutional Bonds of the City of New Orleans	1,480.00
	$1,524.47
Disbursements—	
Books	1,512.79
Balance on hand	$11.68
By balance New Orleans National Bank.....	11.68

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED FORM.

TABLE 21-A.

Annual Library report for year ending December 31, 1916.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference. Free to limited class as students. Subscription.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	350
Branches	303½
Hours open each week for lending and reading:	
Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	125,071	19,567	144,638
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	6,742	2,185	8,427
Number of volumes added during the year by gift			500
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	806	659	1,465
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	131,981	20,119	152,100
Number of volumes of fiction lent for for home use	228,477	113,356	341,833
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	306,651	125,631	432,282

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$625.03	Books	$6,320.06
Local taxation	37,500.00	Periodicals	1,189.56
State grants	None	Binding	1,260.79
Endowment funds	3,975.96	Salaries, Library	25,115.80
Membership Fees	None	Salaries, janitor service	5,600.00
Fine and sale of publication	2,940.16	Rent	None
Duplicate pay collection	None	Light (included in city contract)	
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vments.	None
Other sources	37.91	Other expenses	5,571.07
		Balance on hand	21.78
Total	$45,079.06	Total	$45,079.06

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	8,172
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles)	402
Number of persons using Library for reading and study	105,259



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED).



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED FORM.

TABLE 21-B.

Annual Library report for year ending December 31, 1917.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference. Free to limited class as students. Subscription.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	353
Branches	302

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	131,981	20,119	152,100
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	6,055	1,302	7,357
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	565	25	590
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	588	630	1,218
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	138,000	20,829	158,829
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	219,512	78,517	298,029
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	293,613	117,572	411,185

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$21.78	Books	$6,573.73
Local taxation (city appropriation)	38,000.00	Periodicals	1,371.23
State grants	None	Binding	1,180.08
Endowment funds	3,979.96	Salaries, Library service	24,529.15
Membership Fees	None	Salaries, janitor service	5,600.00
Fine and sale of publication	2,822.75	Rent	None
Duplicate collection	None	Light (included in city contract)	
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vments.	None
Other sources	101.27	Other expenses	5,079.88
		Balance on hand	591.69
Total	$44,925.76	Total	$44,925.76

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	7,591
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles)	331
Number of persons using Library for reading and study	83,491

An extra appropriation of $500.00 was made for Army Camp Libraries.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED FORM.

TABLE 21-C.

Annual Library report for year ending December 31, 1918.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference. Free to limited class as students. Subscription.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:	
Central Library	356
Branches	304
Hours open each week for lending and reading:	
Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	138,000	20,400	158,400
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	4,622	822	5,444
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	367	23	390
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	1,181	424	1,605
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	141,745	20,884	162,629
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	213,958	73,081	287,039
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	279,629	112,032	391,661

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$591.69	Books	$8,123.73
Local taxation (city appropriation)	41,500.00	Periodicals	1,214.41
State grants	None	Binding	1,129.01
Endowment funds	3,979.96	Salaries, Library and janitor service	33,457.50
Membership Fees	None	Rent	None
Fine and sale of publication	3,030.28	Light (included in city contract)	
Duplicate collection	None	Permanent imp'vments.	None
Gifts	None	Other expenses	5,155.36
Other sources	66.60	Balance on hand	88.52
Total	$49,168.53	Total	$49,168.53

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	6,355
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles)	343
Number of persons using Library for reading and study	66,617

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED FORM.

TABLE 21-D.

Annual Library report for year ending December 31, 1919.

Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.

City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.

Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference. Free to limited class as students. Subscription.

Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	352
Branches	310

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	141,745	20,884	162,629
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	6,178	1,356	7,544
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	623	13	636
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,046	270	2,316
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	146,500	21,993	168,493
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	216,329	75,843	292,172
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	283,020	114,818	397,835

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$88.52	Books	$7,884.48
Local taxation (city appropriation)	47,100.00	Periodicals	*259.00
State grants	None	Binding	1,163.49
Endowment funds	3,979.96	Salaries, Library service	32,803.40
Membership Fees	None	Salaries, janitor service	7,291.00
Fine and sale of publication	3,660.75	Rent	None
Duplicate collection	None	Light (included in city contract)	
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vments.	None
Other sources	109.54	Other expenses	5,502.49
		Balance on hand	34.94
Total	$54,938.77	Total	$54,938.77

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	7,818
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles)	298
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	89,976

*Part of the bill was paid in 1918.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Total Circulation, 1919.

TABLE 1.

	Home Use.	Library Use.	Total.
Central Library	174,748	40,394	215,142
Royal Branch	52,973	11,398	64,371
Algiers Branch	33,280	3,479	36,759
Napoleon Branch	63,979	8,982	72,961
Canal Branch	55,075	11,641	66,716
Dryades Branch	17,783	4,242	22,025
Totals	397,838	80,136	477,974

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1919.

TABLE 2.

	Central Library.	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025

Total Annual Circulation, 1900-1919.

TABLE 3.

1900	95,055	1910	350,746
1901	97,516	1911	400,397
1902	101,974	1912	472,868
1903	107,697	1913	447,403
1904	110,274	1914	488,411
1905	99,100	1915	495,504
1906	98,749	1916	517,125
1907	97,316	1917	500,918
1908	245,559	1918	467,967
1909	325,057	1919	477,974

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1919.

TABLE 4.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Central Library	111,096	100,970	90,712	96,186
Royal Branch	41,433	37,147	34,140	31,662
Algiers Branch	20,424	17,991	19,337	20,090
Napoleon Branch	43,460	42,568	41,630	39,855
Canal Branch	33,093	29,607	31,565	32,748
Dryades Branch	5,240	5,530	5,826	5,704
Totals	254,746	243,813	223,210	226,245

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1919.

TABLE 5.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Central Library	30,836	29,306	28,489	32,377
Royal Branch	15,141	17,211	15,379	16,025
Algiers Branch	8,604	8,183	8,279	8,675
Napoleon Branch	15,632	16,439	16,541	15,530
Canal Branch	14,190	13,481	15,984	16,272
Dryades Branch	1,689	2,478	2,634	2,538
Totals	86,092	87,098	87,306	91,417

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1919.

TABLE 6.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Central Library	141,932	130,276	119,201	128,563
Royal Branch	56,574	54,358	49,519	47,687
Algiers Branch	29,028	26,174	27,616	28,765
Napoleon Branch	59,092	59,007	58,171	55,385
Canal Branch	47,283	43,088	47,549	49,020
Dryades Branch	6,929	8,008	8,460	8,242

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1916-1919.

TABLE 7.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
General works	7,539	9,173	6,110	6,151
Philosophy	3,333	3,579	3,149	4,164
Religion	2,733	2,803	2,121	2,023
Sociology	9,884	9,464	7,095	7,469
Philology	2,381	2,186	1,932	1,723
Natural science	4,033	4,201	3,496	3,490
Useful arts	8,266	9,096	8,477	8,997
Fine arts	4,575	4,097	3,295	3,899
Literature	17,064	16,760	13,308	14,435
History, travel, biography	16,223	17,342	17,507	16,083
Totals	76,031	78,701	66,490	68,454

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1916.

TABLE 8-A.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	376	161	956	1,471	2
Philosophy	126	83	167	259	131
Religion	190	165	557	526	394
Sociology	949	587	871	1,121	1,102
Philology	161	127	338	403	164
Natural science	299	166	484	532	261
Useful arts	559	413	778	1,004	882
Fine arts	479	268	637	661	322
Literature	1,883	977	2,462	2,762	1,115
History, travel, biography	1,472	905	2,024	2,100	1,184
Totals	6,444	3,852	9,274	10,839	5,557

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1917.

TABLE 8-B.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	200	429	999	1,004	1
Philosophy	177	66	284	257	88
Religion	147	113	479	406	395
Sociology	1,206	460	928	870	1,289
Philology	135	95	278	428	98
Natural science	254	187	446	413	278
Useful arts	610	452	932	909	1,294
Fine arts	407	210	692	566	374
Literature	1,863	857	2,649	2,475	1,382
Hist., travel, biography.	1,372	810	2,169	2,019	1,587
Totals	6,375	3,677	9,856	9,347	6,786

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1918.

TABLE 8-C.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	342	36	764	791	...
Philosophy	159	83	411	301	72
Religion	140	84	475	518	357
Sociology	1,039	301	773	765	1,333
Philology	136	50	231	382	71
Natural science	250	104	401	329	179
Useful arts	539	387	651	808	1,320
Fine arts	395	158	565	406	217
Literature	1,177	766	2,241	1,936	1,359
Hist., travel, biography.	1,696	1,092	2,447	2,214	1,743
Totals	5,873	3,061	8,959	8,450	6,651

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1919.

TABLE 8-D.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	402	33	949	749	...
Philosophy	148	54	505	385	137
Religion	159	92	449	462	342
Sociology	519	214	571	747	1,491
Philology	176	71	215	431	167
Natural science	187	141	473	511	277
Useful arts	452	408	713	795	1,232
Fine arts	333	201	663	488	346
Literature	1,109	812	2,581	2,048	1,180
Hist., travel, biography.	1,536	945	2,537	2,453	1,515
Totals	5,021	2,971	9,656	9,069	6,687

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1916-1919.

TABLE 9.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
General works	4	10	115	1,245
Philosophy	71	43	34	32
Religion	1,187	894	748	504
Sociology	8,196	7,094	6,713	6,748
Philology			15	6
Natural science	1,382	1,103	716	710
Useful arts	1,924	1,988	1,288	1,581
Fine arts	1,852	1,972	1,259	1,070
Literature	3,665	3,574	2,751	2,839
History, travel, biography..	4,207	5,072	3,837	3,660
Totals	22,488	21,750	17,476	18,125

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1916.

TABLE 10-A.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works		16	2	1	
Philosophy	53	14	7	23	15
Religion	742	461	958	369	379
Sociology	4,426	2,912	3,957	5,257	1,129
Philology	3	2	...	...	...
Natural science	203	212	267	417	235
Useful arts	464	308	690	1,235	406
Fine arts	913	376	654	665	283
Literature	956	1,282	775	1,274	1,131
Hist., travel, biography.	2,073	1,500	1,829	1,480	1,453
Totals	9,833	7,083	9,139	10,721	5,031

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1917.

TABLE 10-B.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works		122	1		2
Philosophy	14	45	14	32	22
Religion	757	304	1,439	362	665
Sociology	4,897	2,338	3,790	4,543	1,378
Philology	1	4	2	...	...
Natural science	197	233	363	356	264
Useful arts	691	291	881	1,102	590
Fine arts	904	550	735	801	403
Literature	941	775	685	1,331	1,521
Hist., travel, biography.	2,600	1,041	1,756	1,687	2,101
Totals	11,002	5,703	10,214	10,214	6,946

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1918.

TABLE 10-C.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works		82	33		
Philosophy	46	40	9	47	38
Religion	481	267	767	274	673
Sociology	4,301	2,027	3,189	4,757	1,468
Philology	1	32			
Natural science	227	151	318	240	292
Useful arts	707	294	767	732	718
Fine arts	778	455	684	552	424
Literature	1,176	562	747	1,378	1,573
Hist., travel, biography.	2,868	960	1,638	1,450	2,268
Totals	10,585	4,870	8,152	9,430	7,454

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1919.

TABLE 10-D.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	1	72			
Philosophy	48	16	12	33	42
Religion	493	225	470	359	652
Sociology	4,258	2,232	3,834	4,284	1,514
Philology	5	7			
Natural science	426	154	268	256	368
Useful arts	707	328	596	728	747
Fine arts	829	376	683	556	390
Literature	1,462	618	617	1,152	1,441
Hist., travel, biography.	2,542	995	1,440	1,259	1,949
Totals	10,771	5,023	7,920	8,627	7,103

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1919.

TABLE 11.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Central Library	98,519	100,451	83,966	86,579
Royal Branch	16,277	17,377	16,458	15,792
Algiers Branch	10,935	9,380	7,931	7,994
Napoleon Branch	18,413	19,522	17,111	17,576
Canal Branch	21,560	19,561	17,880	17,696
Dryades Branch	10,588	13,732	14,105	13,790
Totals	176,292	180,023	157,451	159,427

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1916-1919.

TABLE 12.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
General works	307	191	226	419
Philosophy	172	246	85	224
Religion	132	245	51	59
Sociology	968	1,180	500	680
Philology	189	58	252	60
Natural science	194	143	110	176
Useful arts	726	787	395	818
Fine arts	412	265	161	210
Literature	1,182	775	339	700
Travel	300	201	131	225
Biography	288	245	142	207
History	780	548	925	662
Fiction	3,277	3,063	2,517	3,740
Totals	8,927	7,947	5,834	8,180

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Money Received From Fines and Catalogues, 1916-1919.

TABLE 13.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.
Central Library	$1,949.68	$1,866.99	$2,013.67	$2,287.18
Royal Branch	259.03	278.46	277.59	371.03
Algiers Branch	111.43	116.31	184.00	248.80
Napoleon Branch	311.27	258.77	273.71	378.94
Canal Branch	260.41	248.91	222.15	307.64
Dryades Branch	48.34	53.31	60.66	68.68
Totals	$2,940.16	$2,822.75	$3,031.78	$3,660.27

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1916-1919.

TABLE 14.

Week Days—	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	Total.
Reference and reading rooms	53,867	45,218	37,085	40,017	176,187
Newspaper room	45,366	32,933	24,817	44,074	147,190
Sundays—					
Reference and reading rooms	2,776	2,746	2,305	2,810	10,637
Newspaper room	3,250	2,594	2,513	3,025	11,382
Totals	105,259	83,491	66,720	89,926	345,396

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NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

New Orleans, La., February 9, 1921.

To the Hon. Andrew J. McShane, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

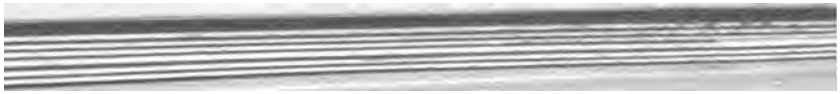
Dear Sirs: The attached very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the City of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure, will be a source of gratification to the administration.

I earnestly call to your attention that owing to the increased population and increased distribution and uses of books and for the proper dissemination of knowledge and information, the funds necessary for its maintenance should be properly increased. The Board of Directors are all enthused with its management, and they will appreciate any assistance that can be given towards that end.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,
President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1920.

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen: Our library was established twenty-five years ago. It is profitable from time to time to look back and to study the years that have passed in our life and to build for the future in the light of our experience.

It is true of all libraries that they were at first the resort of only the serious students and scholarly, and that not until the last century were they popularized. This popularization movement became general in 1876, when modern library science, effective, practical, business-like administration and an aggressive policy of carrying the library to the public were developed and organized. The response throughout the country was pronounced, and even when all of the ineffectiveness, the cant, the overstressed importance, that apparently must accompany all vital undertakings, are eliminated from consideration, the historian of the future will find in this present day library movement one of the main currents of American life.

The whole South, with some few exceptions, and especially New Orleans responded more slowly to this influence, even as it did to the development of the public school than did other parts of the country; and the slow response was due in both cases to the same cause.

From the beginning of colonial times the life of the South was most powerfully influenced and formed by a spirit of individualism traceable back to our ancestral institutions of the Anglo-Saxon and written into our beloved Federal Constitution as its corner-stone and its chief guarantee for the perpetuity of the Union which it established.

In the North and East the spirit of co-operation and community direction and management soon was manifested, and

the development of the public school and the public library was consequently more general and more rapid. The large number of youths from the South who formerly went abroad for education and the rapid growth of the large Northern colleges; the large number of exceedingly valuable and rich private libraries in the South prior to the sixties, as shown by Prof. William P. Trent, and the early and frequent effort to create effective public libraries in the North, are some of the many indications of this difference of spirit that inspired the determination of the paths that our intellectual life should follow.

This same spirit of preference of individualism to community effort, while not now nearly so manifest and dominant as formerly, and, though an unconscious force, is still an exceedingly powerful and active one. For this reason the most intelligent and persistent work of publicity is necessary to enable us to develop our library and extend its advantages to a proper number of our citizens, as, even under the most favorable conditions, publicity is necessary for the library just as it is imperative for all business undertakings to-day.

To meet and overcome our local conditions, which include, in addition to the characteristic social attitude of our people, the great area of our city, offset by so few branch libraries, the temptations of a mild climate offering nine months of outdoor life, the easiness of earning a living without that keenness of competition that compels the commercial worker and the mechanic to read and to study, we must, more than any other large city, through publicity, through advertisement, secure the opportunity to make the library the powerful factor for the advancement of our community that it should be.

During the past twenty-five years, with the money at our disposal, we have done well and should not be disappointed. Our collection of books is good. It has the advantage of having its origin in much older libraries that were selected with exceptional care and intelligence, and because of this reason has some items that would be impossible to procure

now, except at great cost. It is one of the earliest, important circulating libraries of any size and dignity in the United States, tracing its growth through the Lyceum and Library Society and the Mechanics Institute Library, back to the Fisk Free Library, established by the legacy of Abijah Fisk in the year 1843. Our circulation is about half a million a year, our "plant," buildings, including a Main Library and five Branches, grounds, furnishings and books are worth over three-quarters of a million dollars. But our staff is small, barely over fifty; there is absolutely no money for publicity or extension of service, and our annual revenues, about one-half as much as those of the other libraries that are most poorly provided for in this country and only one-quarter of the amount furnished most of the other libraries in cities the size of New Orleans, curtail our every effort to build up a bigger and better library, force us to employ untrained library workers, who strive in good spirit to supply efficient service through earnest effort. What we are is exceedingly creditable, what we have done is well done, but there is much left for us to do for our community.

Our entire collection of books numbers 170,582. Of these 113,214 are in the Main Library; 13,295 in the Royal Branch; 12,035 in the Algiers Branch; 12,552 in the Napoleon Branch; 12,411 in the Canal Branch, and 7,075 in the Dryades Branch (colored). There was in the past year a net increase in books of only 2,089 volumes, the smallest increase in fifteen years.

The reports from the several departments show that our circulation for the year 1920 was 480,603, and that these books were issued to 21,531 borrowers. Our circulation would have gone to a half million, if we had not been forced to close the Napoleon Branch for about three months.

The circulation of the Main Library was 219,167; Royal Branch, 68,183; Algiers Branch, 46,337; Napoleon Branch, 58,673; Canal Branch, 69,336, and Dryades Branch (colored), 18,907.

There were 87,633 persons who made use of the several reading rooms of the Main Library; Reference Room, 21,-090; Magazine Room, 22,667; Newspaper Room, 43,876.

The Librarian sent out from his office 8,075 signed pieces of mail, beside the usual mass of unsigned matter.

The exterior woodwork and the exposed metal work of the Main Library and all Branches need repainting. The roof of the Napoleon Branch building will require reconstruction; the roofs of the Royal, Algiers and Canal Branches need repairs that will not, however, be quite so costly. In all other respects our buildings are in good condition.

Very few Summer Cards were used this year.

The reference collection includes 12,539 volumes; of this number 5,953 are magazines. Some of the more important additions to the department were: The new edition of the Americana; forty-seven volumes of the Lineage Books of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Hunter's Decorative Textiles; Speeches, Correspondence and Political Papers of Carl Schurz; Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers and Shippers of the World; Heads of Families, United States Census Bureau.

We subscribe to twenty-four daily papers and 193 magazines, and receive as gifts 12 papers and 98 magazines.

We added to our Federal Document Collection 156 bound volumes and 2,204 pamphlets; and to our Louisiana State and New Orleans City Document Collection 4 bound volumes and 39 pamphlets.

Our mending department sewed 1,244 books, recased 3,730, mended about 1,800 and bound 200 pamphlets. We sent 1,769 books to the binders.

The cataloguing department accessioned 5,739 volumes, of this number 662 were gifts. The number of discards was unusually heavy, 3,650; this accounts for our slight book increase for the year.

There were, in striking contrast with the numerous changes of the three previous years, only two changes in the Staff. Miss Theodosia Gamache resigned on account of her approaching marriage. She was succeeded by Miss Ruby Hill.

We also lost, through resignation, Miss Pitot, who had been the Librarian's Secretary for sixteen years. The library regretted her loss. She had been a faithful and conscientious employee and enjoyed the esteem of all who came in contact with her.

The work in the circulating department followed closely the lines laid down for the previous year, and was described in the report for 1919.

A few of the more interesting reading lists compiled and displays made were:

DISPLAYS AND READING LISTS—1920.

Displays: Deep Sea Bookshelf; Southern Life as Described in Fiction; Vacation Days; List of Most Popular Novel of The Year from 1895-1919; Daily Current Events. (Daily throughout the year.)

Reading Lists: Opera; Better Speech Week in the Public Schools; Latin America; Problems of Employment; Woman as Citizen; Salesmanship.

The subject of the usual prize essay of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was: "Francis T. Nicholls—The Soldier, the Man and the Governor." Over 1,200 pupils of the public and parochial schools studied in the library for this contest.

The juvenile department of the Main Library and the Branches had a rather colorless and lifeless year. Only the Algiers Branch seemed to put a proper spirit into the work.

I fear that the assistants in the Branches have gotten, hopelessly, into a rut and that it will be necessary to shift them about in order to revive an interest and an energy to take the place of their present lethargy.

The routine of work has more than ever before followed our plans of past years, and has been characterized by the continued stressing of the means of co-operation with the schools. The outstanding fact in both the circulating and reference work is the disappointment of the hope that, throughout the entire country, was so high for earnest, serious and thorough study as one of the beneficial influences that would partly offset the evil effects of war. In my last report I expressed this hope, and in a spirit of optimism, justified at that time by undeniable statistics, wrote:

"One of the vital lessons learned by the young men in the army was the necessity of education—education, not superficial or even cultural, but definite, practical and thorough, and there was not a single college of high standing that did not, at the beginning of last college term, turn hundreds of applicants away because of lack of classroom accommodation and lack of professors for the instruction of these students. The library as well as the college has felt tremendously the effect of this great influence on our life to-day."

Unfortunately this feeling was not a deep, calm and lasting conviction, but was only a momentary state of exaltation, and all too quickly was forgotten. The results of this reaction are being strongly felt in the schools and the library, and a close study of both institutions will show a decided lapse from vigorous, earnest and thorough work on the part of the students. The library record plainly indicates reading of a distinctly lighter character than usual.

I wish to thank the Board and the Commission Council for the increase of salary they have granted our staff and the other employees of the library.

I respectfully submit the above and the attached tables as my report for the year 1920.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

Feb. 9, 1921.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year Ending January 10, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance from 1919		$23.26
City of New Orleans appropriation for 1920	$47,100.00	
Interest Whitney-Central National Bank on daily balances	32.02	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	3,158.00	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	462.49	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	320.67	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	388.25	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	484.89	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	101.22	
Bourbon Street property, rents	2,333.38	
Miscellaneous sales waste paper	131.51—	54,512.43
Total receipts		$54,535.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Main Library—			
Books	$6,252.54		
Periodicals	708.52		
Binding	585.69		
General expenses	3,853.00		
Heating	659.33		
Printing and stationery	704.94		
Salaries	27,452.54—	$40,216.56	
Royal Branch—			
General expenses	228.56		
Printing and stationery	96.78		
Heating	80.50		
Binding	171.20		
Salaries	2,415.00—	2,992.04	
Algiers Branch—			
General expenses	146.54		
Printing and stationery	96.23		
Heating	73.35		
Binding	8.60		
Salaries	2,457.20—	2,781.92	

Napoleon Branch—			
General expenses	196.79		
Printing and stationery	138.28		
Heating	63.00		
Binding	185.58		
Salaries	2,330.00—	2,913.65	
Canal Branch—			
General expenses	215.76		
Printing and stationery	92.83		
Heating	79.12		
Binding	112.41		
Salaries	2,436.75—	2,936.87	
Dryades Branch—			
General expenses	188.69		
Printing and stationery	83.18		
Heating	60.18		
Salaries	2,328.00—	2,660.05	
Total disbursements			$54,501.09

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts		$54,535.69
Total expenditures		54,501.09
Balance in banks		$ 34.60
Whitney-Central National Bank	$16.32	
Hibernia Bank and Trust Co	18.28—	$ 34.60

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

Receipts—		
Balance from 1919	$ 11.68	
Interest Constitutional Bonds City of New Orleans	1,480.00—	$1,491.68
Disbursements—		
Books		1,446.99
		$ 44.69
Balance Hibernia Bank and Trust Co		$ 44.69

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSED FORM.

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1920.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	351
Branches	309

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	146,500	21,993	168,493
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	4,185	892	5,077
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	564	98	662
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,848	802	3,650
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	148,401	22,181	170,582
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	219,507	77,625	297,132
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	369,443	115,160	484,603

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 34.94	Books	$ 7,699.53
Local taxation (city appropriation)	47,100.00	Periodicals	708.52
State grants	None	Binding	1,063.48
Endowment funds	3,813.38	Salaries, Library service	33,601.49
Membership fees	None	Salaries, janitor service	7,170.00
Fine and sale of publication	4,915.52	Rent	None
Duplicate collection	None	Light (including city contract)	None
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vements	None
Other sources	163.53	Other expenses	5,705.06
		Balance on hand	79.29
Total	$56,027.37	Total	$56,027.37

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	8,123
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received Titles, not including State or Federal publications)	327
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	87,633

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CIRCULATION IN 1920.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Total Circulation, 1920.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library.	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.	Totals.
Library use..	39,348	11,444	4,893	6,531	12,437	3,379	78,032
Home use	179,819	56,739	41,444	52,142	56,899	15,528	402,571
Total	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907	480,603

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches, 1910-1920.

TABLE 2.

	Central Library.	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907

Total Annual Circulation, 1900-1920.

TABLE 3.

1900	95,055	1910	350,746
1901	97,516	1911	400,397
1902	101,974	1912	472,868
1903	107,697	1913	447,403
1904	110,274	1914	488,411
1905	99,100	1915	495,504
1906	98,749	1916	517,125
1907	97,316	1917	500,918
1908	245,559	1918	467,967
1909	325,057	1919	477,974
		1920	480,603

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1920.

TABLE 4.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Central Library	111,096	100,970	90,712	96,186	104,715
Royal Branch	41,433	37,147	34,140	31,662	35,200
Algiers Branch	20,424	17,991	19,337	20,090	23,990
Napoleon Branch	43,460	42,568	41,630	39,855	33,190
Canal Branch	33,093	29,607	31,565	32,748	37,019
Dryades Branch	5,240	5,530	5,826	5,704	2,789
Totals	254,746	243,813	223,210	226,245	236,903

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1920.

TABLE 5.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Central Library	30,836	29,306	28,489	32,377	33,783
Royal Branch	15,141	17,211	15,379	16,025	16,730
Algiers Branch	8,604	8,183	8,279	8,675	12,611
Napoleon Branch	15,632	16,439	16,541	15,530	13,396
Canal Branch	14,190	13,481	15,984	16,272	17,063
Dryades Branch	1,689	2,478	2,634	2,538	2,263
Totals	86,092	87,098	87,306	91,417	95,846

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1920.

TABLE 6.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Central Library	141,932	130,276	119,201	128,563	138,498
Royal Branch	56,574	54,358	49,519	47,687	51,932
Algiers Branch	29,028	26,174	27,616	28,765	36,601
Napoleon Branch	59,092	59,007	58,171	55,385	46,586
Canal Branch	47,283	43,088	47,549	49,020	54,082
Dryades Branch	6,929	8,008	8,460	8,242	5,052

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1916-1920.

TABLE 7.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
General works	7,539	9,173	6,110	6,151	5,345
Philosophy	3,333	3,579	3,149	4,164	3,587
Religion	2,733	2,803	2,121	2,023	1,789
Sociology	9,884	9,464	7,095	7,469	7,805
Philology	2,381	2,186	1,932	1,793	1,556
Natural science	4,033	4,201	3,496	3,490	3,432
Useful arts	8,266	9,096	8,477	8,997	8,548
Fine arts	4,575	4,097	3,295	3,899	4,134
Literature	17,064	16,760	13,308	14,435	13,260
History, travel, biography	16,223	17,342	17,507	16,033	13,930
Totals	76,031	78,701	66,490	68,454	63,386

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1920.

TABLE 8.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch.
General works	474	131	784	713	5
Philosophy	149	53	261	276	211
Religion	149	104	260	237	332
Sociology	435	299	389	789	1,895
Philology	201	90	186	326	400
Natural science	186	145	234	482	469
Useful arts	474	394	457	718	807
Fine arts	411	202	449	476	446
Literature	1,241	1,027	1,803	2,053	1,328
History, travel, biography	1,165	701	1,596	1,960	1,183
Totals	4,885	3,146	6,419	8,030	7,076

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1916-1920.

TABLE 9.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
General works	4	10	115	1,245	1,536
Philosophy	71	43	34	32	19
Religion	1,187	894	748	504	652
Sociology	8,196	7,094	6,713	6,748	6,172
Philology			15	6	
Natural science	1,382	1,103	716	710	762
Useful arts	1,924	1,988	1,288	1,581	1,145
Fine arts	1,852	1,972	1,259	1,070	1,123
Literature	3,665	3,574	2,751	2,839	2,469
History, travel, biography	4,207	5,072	3,837	3,660	3,405
Totals	22,488	21,750	17,476	18,125	17,283

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1920.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works		24			
Philosophy	129	19	12	9	48
Religion	639	341	341	397	503
Sociology	3,397	3,041	2,584	3,134	1,477
Philology	13	3			
Natural science	812	269	150	311	609
Useful arts	917	451	500	718	845
Fine arts	1,142	408	549	559	791
Literature	1,816	846	439	947	1,237
History, travel, biography	2,501	1,188	1,093	1,149	1,269
Totals	11,366	6,590	5,668	7,224	6,779

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1916-1920.

TABLE 11.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
Central Library	98,519	100,451	83,966	86,579	80,669
Royal Branch	16,277	17,377	16,458	15,792	16,251
Algiers Branch	10,935	9,380	7,931	7,994	9,736
Napoleon Branch	18,413	19,522	17,111	17,576	12,087
Canal Branch	21,560	19,561	17,880	17,696	15,254
Dryades Branch	10,588	13,732	14,105	13,790	13,855
Totals	176,292	180,023	157,451	159,427	147,852

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1916-1920.

TABLE 12.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
General works	307	191	226	419	294
Philosophy	172	246	85	224	106
Religion	132	245	51	59	76
Sociology	968	1,180	500	680	513
Philology	189	58	252	60	69
Natural science	194	143	110	176	154
Useful arts	726	787	395	818	436
Fine arts	412	265	161	210	164
Literature	1,182	775	339	700	441
Travel	300	201	131	225	97
Biography	288	245	142	207	149
History	780	548	925	662	255
Fiction	3,277	3,063	2,517	3,740	2,984
Totals	8,927	7,947	5,834	8,180	5,739

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Money Received from Fines and Catalogues, 1920.

TABLE 13.

Central Library	$3,158.00
Royal Branch	462.49
Algiers Branch	320.67
Napoleon Branch	388.25
Canal Branch	484.89
Dryades Branch	101.22
Total	$4.915.52

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1916-1920.

TABLE 14.

	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	Total.
Week Days—						
Reference and reading rooms	53,867	45,218	37,085	40,017	41,265	217,452
Newspaper room	45,366	32,933	24,817	44,074	40,827	188,017
Sundays—						
Reference and reading rooms	2,776	2,746	2,305	2,810	2,492	13,129
Newspaper room	3,250	2,594	2,513	3,025	3,049	14,431
Totals	105,259	83,491	66,720	89,926	87,633	433,029

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NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Orleans, La., March 13, 1922.

To the Hon. Andrew J. McShane, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

The very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the city of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

We desire to thank you for the increase which you have given us for the year 1922, which is very much appreciated by the entire Board, but we again call your attention to the necessity in the future, owing to the increased population and the great demand by the reading public, that this fund should be adequately enlarged. The Board of Directors are all in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the public library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEPH H. DeGRANGE,

President.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR 1921

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen: The past year, in spite of handicaps, disappointments and setbacks, has been one of the most gratifying in the history of the library. The volume of our circulation has increased, the character of the books read is better than usual, we have gained in the number of our readers, both borrowers and those who read in the library, and every indication bespeaks the promise of a still greater improvement in the coming year. A part of this improvement is due to a healthier reading spirit that came as a reaction after the period of depression following the feverish activity that endured for so short a time when war statistics had shown our people the sad and unpardonable ignorance of so large a number of our adult citizens. Another cause of our increased circulation has been the larger number of books than usual that we have been able to buy this year. A third, and the strongest cause of increase, has been the splendid cooperation of the schools; both pupils and teachers have, this year, given a fine response to our efforts in coordinating library and school work. An excellent instance of this spirit is manifest in the results of Book Week. During this week, eight thousand pupils visited our book exhibits in the Main Library and five Branches. These visitors were in addition to our regular patrons, and hundreds of them and their parents were so pleased with what they saw and learned that they became borrowers. Through the year, I spoke at many of the schools. I addressed the principals of all the public schools, and on each occasion I endeavored to impress on my auditors the importance of the public library and to welcome them as readers and borrowers. By a carefully elaborated plan, by repeated visits to the schools and by the writing of many letters I have assembled a collection of the most needed books for the parallel reading required by the schools. This collection, though it is by no means large enough to meet the demands made upon it, has cost over

Ten Thousand Dollars. I attribute, also, no inconsiderable part of our growth to the many and exceedingly capable publicity notices that our three newspapers have given the library this year.

I wish to acknowledge and express my appreciation of the substantial increase made in our appropriation for the coming year by the Mayor, the Chairman of the Budget Committee and the Commission Council. This money was sorely needed. It should give spirit and courage to our corps, enable us to remedy the most striking deficiencies in certain classes and grades of books, and develop many atrophied branches of our work. It has come at a most opportune time, as the great stress that the schools of the city are now laying upon reading in the lower grades has far overtaxed our ability to supply the younger people with the books that they need.

The library force consists of a librarian and a staff of twenty-one ladies, a secretary, two stenographers, thirteen pages, two clerks, a bookkeeper, seven janitors, two porters and, for four months, an engineer; fifty-one employees.

The library property includes six buildings and their sites. furniture and books. The buildings are all in good condition, the only work required is a little painting that must be done at the main library.

We depend for our support upon the annual appropriation of the Commission Council and the revenues of two endowments, the Fisk and Simon Hernsheim.

Our collection of books numbers 175,767. Of this number 116,128 are in the main library and the rest about evenly divided among the five branches. Our circulation has passed the half-million mark; a hundred thousand people read in our several reading-rooms, and twenty-five thousand borrowers withdrew books for home use.

Again this year there were changes in the personnel of the Board. Mr. Alvin P. Howard and Mr. James D. Hayward resigned and were succeeded by Mr. Wilson Williams and Mr. Charles J. Rivet.



ROYAL BRANCH

With the change in the city administration, Hon. Andrew J. McShane, as Mayor, became Chairman ex officio of the Board.

Special mention is due one of the gifts received near the end of the year. The Italians resident in the United States gave us, as one of a group of libraries they deemed worthy of its custodianship, a copy of a special edition of the complete works of Dante. It has been carefully edited by eminent scholars and bound with excellent craftsmanship in a single volume, reproducing the type of binding employed by Florentine bookbinders of the time of Columbus.

This donation was made through Mr. Luigi Carnovale, chairman of the Italian Dante Societies.

MAIN LIBRARY.

Circulation Department.

The entire circulation for the year was 543,074, an increase of 62,471 over the number of books issued during the previous year. The number of books issued from the main library was 250,053.

The percentage of non-fiction that is read is not near as high as it should be, but the books of this type that are withdrawn are among the best of their class.

This year, more than ever, the books used seem to have registered the general mind and to have been concerned with the matters attracting general attention. Individuality of interest is decidedly less pronounced.

I have already mentioned the greater interest taken in the library by the schools this year. This has, of course, been reflected by the character of our circulation.

We have continued our policy of placing a liberal number of attendants and pages in the stacks to aid the borrowers in finding desired books. It is the popular theory that with open shelves the borrower can find his own book quickly and to his own satisfaction. Our experience has, however, borne me out in my belief, and corroborated the views of many of the librarians that the borrower not only cannot find his book

easily, but in most cases cannot find it at all. In addition to not finding the book that he is seeking, he displaces many books on the shelves and requires an attendant both to assist him and to straighten up, after he is gone, the books he has misplaced. A liberal number of attendants in the stacks has, moreover, a great advantage in bringing us into personal relations with the borrower, such as is possible in but few libraries of our size. In seeking to take full advantage of this contact with the borrower we have compiled fewer reading lists, arranged fewer displays and exhibits, and given more time to individual and group needs. We have not, however, abandoned the other methods of attracting readers. The most successful of our displays were: Child Welfare, arranged in connection with the National Child Labor Committee Exhibit; South Sea Islands, this display was successful in circulating ninety per cent of the books offered; Classic Drama; Religious Books, during Religious Book Week; Building and Housing Problem; Our Animal Friends; Dante; Forestry and Timber, New Orleans the Largest Lumber Shipping Port in America; China and Japan; Social Hygiene: Household Budget; Petroleum, Louisiana is the third largest producer of petroleum in the United States; Southern Agriculture; Louisiana Writers of to-day. The grammar-grade students came by thousands to the library to prepare for the writing of the two prize essays: Charles Dreux, prize offered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and George Washington, prize offered by the Callender Post of the American Legion. These large bodies of students, as well as visiting schools, visitors to exhibits and those who come to story hours are not counted in our statistics of readers in the library.

Juvenile Department.

The work in this department was a great disappointment. The health of the attendant in charge was so poor that she was away a considerable part of the year and much hampered in her efforts when present. The department is being reorganized and gives good promise for the coming year. Less than six hundred books were added to this collection, and, with the large number of discards that a department for

young readers must always make, we can offer to our boys and girls only 9,791 volumes. We propose to make the chief feature of the work for 1922 the development and expansion of the collection for readers of the first six grades in the schools. We are now about ready to increase fourfold the number of books of this type.

Our Book Week was a success and a credit to the library. Miss Scullin, the new head of this department, and Miss Duplantier, her chief assistant, planned and prepared the exhibit both at the main library and the branches, and daily during the exhibit gave a series of talks on reading for boys and girls, illustrating the lectures with stories and extracts from many of the most famous and popular books.

It may be of interest to note that the twenty most popular non-fiction titles were: Andersen, "Fairy Tales"; Grimm, "Fairy Tales"; "Arabian Nights"; Hawthorne, "Wonder Book"; "Boy Mechanic"; Bailey, "Children's Hour"; Pyle. "Wonder Tales Retold"; Hawkes, "Wilderness Dog"; Jacobs, "Celtic Fairy Tales"; Lang, "Blue Story Book"; Kummer, "Battle of the Nations"; Coussens, "Diamond Story Book"; "Popular Mechanic"; Mallory, "King Arthur"; Paine, "Hollow Tree Nights"; Hawkes, "Piebald, King of the Bronchos"; Collins, "Boy's Book of Aeroplanes"; Pyle, "Tales of Wonder and Magic"; Linderman, "Indian Why Stories"; and "Robin Hood."

The twenty-five most popular titles of fiction were: Clemens, "Tom Sawyer"; Jamison, "Lady Jane"; Alcott, "Little Women"; Alcott, "Little Men"; Aldrich, "Story of a Bad Boy"; Wiggin, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"; Webster, "Daddy Long-Legs"; Clemens, "Huckleberry Finn"; Cooper, "Last of the Mohicans"; Porter, "Pollyanna"; Baum, "Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz"; Clemens, "Prince and the Pauper"; Sampson, "Billy and the Major"; Stevenson, "Treasure Island"; Ouida, "Dog of Flanders"; Douglas, "Little Girl in Old New Orleans"; Habberton, "Helen's Babies"; Barbour, "For the Honor of the School"; Cummings, "The Lamplighter"; Burnett, "Little Lord Fauntleroy"; Wiggin, "Bird's Christmas Carol"; Latham, "Under Orders";

Altsheler, "Great Sioux Trail"; Janvier, "Aztec Treasure House"; and Carroll, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Reference Department.

In the reference department there are 13,162 volumes. Of this number, 6,199 are bound and indexed magazines. There were 25,265 readers in the reference room. The additions to this department were 640, including 246 magazines. There were very few accessions that were notable or of value. A few of the more important were: American Commission on Conditions in Ireland, "Evidence on Conditions in Ireland"; Bayley, "Archaic England"; Butler, "Private and Official Correspondence of General Benjamin F. Butler"; Dabney, "Industrial Canal and Inner Harbor of New Orleans"; Egan and Kennedy, "Knights of Columbus in Peace and War"; "Exporter's Encyclopaedia and Supplement, 1921"; Hornblow, "History of the Theatre in America"; Hughes, "Handbook of Standard Details for Engineers, Draftsmen and Students"; Jamieson, "Critical and Explanatory Commentary on the Whole Bible"; Guernsey, "Reference History of the War"; Johnson, "Domestic and Foreign Commerce of the United States"; Johnson, "History of Cuba"; King, "Creole Families of New Orleans"; Kitchin, "History of France"; Levermore, "What the League of Nations Has Accomplished in One Year"; Louisiana Board of State Engineers, "References to Extracts from Acts Passed by the Legislature Affecting Levees, etc."; Louisiana Constitutional Convention, "Constitution Adopted, 1921"; McMasters, United States and the World War"; New Orleans Association of Commerce, "Red Book, 1921"; New Orleans Board of Port Commissioners, "Port and Terminal Facilities, 1920"; New York Committee Investigating Seditious Activities, "Revolutionary Radicalism"; Phillips, "Bonded Debt of New Orleans"; "Reference Catalog of Current Literature"; Spence, "Encyclopaedia of Occultism"; Stringer, "Heroes All"; United States Bureau of Education, "Lessons in Community and National Life"; United States War Department, "Battle Participation of the A. E. F. Forces in France, Belgium, and Italy"; United States War Department, "Congressional Medal of Honor,



Distinguished Service Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal"; Wurlitzer, "Masterpieces of the Great Violin Makers"; Y. M. C. A., "Summary of War Work."

Periodical, United States, State and Local Document Departments.

The Library subscribes to 225 periodicals and receives, as gifts, exclusive of public documents and kindred publications, 135. The readers in the magazine room numbered 26,606, and in the newspaper room 47,343. We added to our Federal document collection 158 bound volumes and 2,016 pamphlets; to our Louisiana document collection, 2 bound and 12 unbound documents; and to our City of New Orleans documents, 3 bound volumes and 15 pamphlets. There were 869 calls for United States documents. Formerly the calls ran usually to 1,800, but many of the most popular documents have been removed to the reference department.

Catalogue Department.

The cataloguing department accessioned, classified and catalogued 7,306 volumes, including 749 gifts; discarded 2,121 books; prepared all books for the shelves, new books, rebounds, exchanges and transfers.

This year we have tried for the first time the issuing of books to the branches to circulate for three months at each branch and then return to the main library or to be assigned to that branch in which they have been popular. The plan has proved a success.

Mending Department.

This department sewed and recased 1,127 books; recased without sewing, 2,575; mended, 1,382; bound, 140 pamphlets and sent 1,511 volumes to the binder.

Both this and the cataloguing department have been frequently called upon for substitutes to replace absentees in other departments. This, of course, reduces the amount of work done by both departments.

Registration Department.

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. There is a Juvenile Card; an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August and September, a Summer Card. On the juvenile card two books can be withdrawn; on the adult branch card, three; on the adult main card, five, and on the deposit card, one. There are now in force 24,858 cards of all character, of this number 9,874 were issued in 1921.

To this department are attached the Librarian's secretary and the stenographers, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspondence of the Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 8,500 pieces of signed mail and 4,000 form letters that do not require signature.

Staff.

Although usually, the world over, people who enter the field of educational work dedicate their lives to such work and are prone to remain a considerable length of time in one position, our experience has been quite the reverse. In the last fifteen years there have been enough resignations and replacements of the library forces to completely renew it five times over; only four employees have remained with us for that length of time. The increase of salaries in the last two years has, however, begun to produce results, and this year there were only five resignations from the staff, and one of those, Miss Hill's, was on account of her marriage. The other four to leave were Miss Wayne, Miss Moran, Miss Newman and Miss Coleman.

I regret to report the death of the young woman, Adelia Trent, who was in charge of the Colored Branch. She was a distinct loss to the library. Her loyalty to her work, her conscientious devotion to her duties and her pride in her posi-

tion won from her readers consideration and respect for herself and her Branch.

The increased number of pages will, I hope, give us material to draw on for the staff in the future.

BRANCHES.

During the year our Branch buildings were repaired, repainted and put in good condition generally by the city. In doing this work it became necessary to close the Napoleon Branch for a month and a half. This accounts for the considerable reduction in the circulation of this Branch.

There are five Branches in our system:

Royal—Number of books, 13,773; additions in the year, 721; circulation, 74,762.

Algiers—Number of books, 12,626; additions in the year, 623; circulation, 53,355.

Napoleon—Number of books, 13,104; additions in the year, 819; circulation, 70,278.

Canal—Number of books, 12,855; additions in the year, 698; circulation, 72,393.

Dryades (Colored)—Number of books, 7,281; additions in the year, 209; circulation, 22,233.

The Branches have regained their former standard of circulation and give promise of progress. I have held a meeting of the heads of these departments, and we have discussed work for the next year, making our endeavors more definite and more spirited. I shall give a considerable part of my own time to the Branches until these plans have borne proper fruit.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS.

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 1 p. m. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good

Friday;Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Armistice Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 m. to December 26th, 9 a. m.; December 31st, from 12 m. to January 2nd, 9 a. m; and, at 5 p. m. the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

CONCLUSION.

I wish to thank the Board in behalf of all the employees of the library for their repeated and earnest efforts in seeking an increased appropriation for our institution, and particularly to thank them for the substantial recognition they have now made for faithful services during the "seven lean years."

I wish to thank the whole force for all that they have done to make the work of the year a success, to build up our library and make of it an educational agency that will be equal to the legitimate demands of our city. I am sure that I can promise the Board a continuance of this loyalty and an even more enterprising and earnest spirit that will result next year in still greater progress of the library than the flattering record that this year shows.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1921.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

Feb. 8, 1921.



THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1921.

RECEIPTS.

General fund balance from year 1920		$ 34.60
City of New Orleans appropriation for year 1921	$55,000.00	
Interest Whitney-Central on daily balances	26.76	
Fines and catalogues, Main Library	3,518.89	
Fines and catalogues, Royal Branch	505.41	
Fines and catalogues, Algiers Branch	358.60	
Fines and catalogues, Napoleon Branch	390.75	
Fines and catalogues, Canal Branch	556.05	
Fines and catalogues, Dryades Branch	114.54	
Bourbon Street property rents	2,624.97	
Miscellaneous, sale of waste paper, etc	172.45—	63,268.42
		$63,303.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Main Library—		
Books	$ 8,898.46	
Periodicals	870.87	
Binding	1,015.40	
General expenses	4,310.12	
Heating	231.00	
Printing and stationery	782.47	
Salaries	29,147.82—	$45,256.14
Royal Branch—		
General expenses	265.53	
Printing and stationery	95.28	
Heating	32.00	
Binding	191.14	
Salaries	2,819.00—	3,402.95
Algiers Branch—		
General expenses	230.47	
Printing and stationery	53.29	
Heating	68.80	
Binding	16.60	
Salaries	2,781.50—	3,150.66
Napoleon Branch—		
General expenses	493.41	
Printing and stationery	93.21	
Heating	32.00	
Binding	161.73	
Salaries	2,547.15—	3,327.50
		$55,137.25

Amount brought forward			$55,137.25
Canal Branch—			
General expenses	192.70		
Printing and stationery	67.58		
Heating	68.50		
Binding	163.49		
Salaries	2,801.25—	3,293.52	
Dryades Branch—			
General expenses	137.47		
Printing and stationery	42.54		
Heating	74.00		
Salaries	2,718.60—	2,972.61	
		$61,403.38	

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts		$63,303.02
Total disbursements		61,403.38
Balance in banks		$ 1,899.64
Whitney-Central National Bank	$138.10	
Hibernia Bank and Trust Co	978.38	
Marine Bank and Trust Co	783.16—	1,899.64

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from year 1920	$ 44.69	
Interest Constitutional Bonds City of New Orleans	1,480.00—	1,524.69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books	1,489.42
Balance in Hibernia Bank and Trust Co	$ 35.27

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 18, 1922.

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED By the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1921.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	349
Branches	307

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults.	Children.	Total.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	148,401	22,181	170,582
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	5,359	1,198	6,557
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	663	86	749
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	1,611	510	2,121
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	152,812	22,955	175,767
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	261,357	80,090	341,447
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	334,645	119,735	454,380

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 79.29	Books	$10,387.88
Local taxation (city appropriation)	55,000.00	Periodicals	870.87
State grants	None	Binding	1,548.36
Endowment funds	4,104.97	Salaries, Library service	35,645.32
Membership fees	None	Salaries, janitor service	7,170.00
Fine and sale of publication	5,444.24	Light (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vements	None
Other sources	199.21	Other expenses	7,270.37
		Balance on hand	1,934.91
	$64,827.71		$64,827.71

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	9,874
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (titles not including State or Federal publications)	360
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	99,214

CIRCULATION IN 1921.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Total Circulation, 1921.

TABLE 1.

	Central Library.	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.	Totals.
Home use	208,088	62,269	45,011	60,356	60,512	18,144	454,380
Library use	41,965	12,493	8,344	9,922	11,881	4,089	88,694
Total	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233	543,074

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches, 1910-1921.

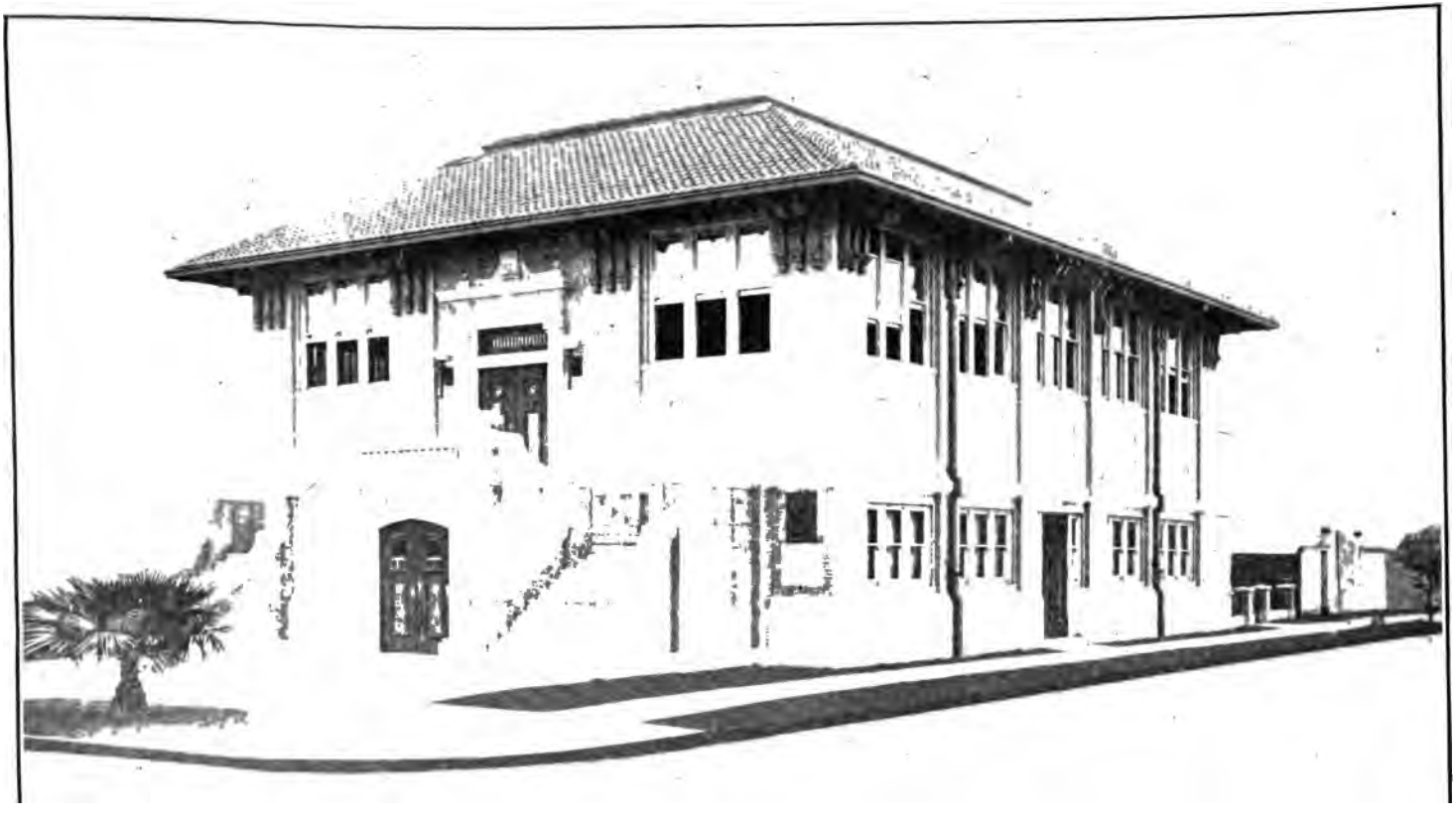
TABLE 2.

	Central Library.	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1921.

TABLE 3.

1905	99,100	1913	447,403
1906	98,749	1914	488,411
1907	97,316	1915	495,504
1908	245,559	1916	517,125
1909	325,057	1917	500,918
1910	350,746	1918	467,967
1911	400,397	1919	477,974
1912	472,868	1920	480,603
		1921	543,074



Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1917-1921.

TABLE 7.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
General works	9,173	6,110	6,151	5,345	7,260
Philosophy	3,579	3,149	4,164	3,587	4,646
Religion	2,803	2,121	2,023	1,789	2,514
Sociology	9,464	7,095	7,469	7,805	9,426
Philology	2,186	1,932	1,793	1,556	1,737
Natural science	4,201	3,496	3,490	3,432	3,703
Useful arts	9,096	8,477	8,997	8,548	9,782
Fine arts	4,097	3,295	3,899	4,134	5,060
Literature	16,760	13,308	14,435	13,260	18,028
History, travel, biography	17,342	17,507	16,033	13,930	16,792
Totals	78,701	66,490	68,454	63,386	78,948

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1921.

TABLE 8.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works	797	299	971	715	8
Philosophy	99	94	358	381	440
Religion	137	131	186	305	661
Sociology	507	408	532	888	1,930
Philology	128	61	190	332	519
Natural science	312	232	246	464	740
Useful arts	489	365	523	695	994
Fine arts	511	285	367	553	684
Literature	1,335	1,097	2,294	2,155	1,195
History, travel, biography	1,479	890	2,106	2,055	1,265
Totals	5,794	3,862	7,773	8,543	8,436



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1917-1921.

TABLE 9.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
General works	10	115	1,245	1,536	768
Philosophy	43	34	32	19	47
Religion	894	748	504	652	412
Sociology	7,094	6,713	6,748	6,172	5,432
Philology		15	6		
Natural science	1,103	716	710	762	969
Useful arts	1,988	1,288	1,581	1,145	1,061
Fine arts	1,972	1,259	1,070	1,123	1,100
Literature	3,574	2,751	2,839	2,469	2,538
History, travel, biography	5,072	3,837	3,660	3,405	2,671
Totals	21,750	17,476	18,125	17,283	14,998

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1921.

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch.	Algiers Branch.	Napoleon Branch.	Canal Branch.	Dryades Branch.
General works		251		6	
Philosophy	21	11	1	9	68
Religion	538	358	460	378	339
Sociology	2,720	3,066	2,987	2,973	1,951
Philology	8	8			
Natural science	1,089	364	549	545	724
Useful arts	1,072	406	539	722	903
Fine arts	1,293	410	559	656	888
Literature	1,868	929	611	1,253	1,233
History, travel, biography	2,557	1,059	1,107	1,443	1,219
Totals	11,166	6,862	6,813	7,985	7,325

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1917-1921.

TABLE 11.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
Central Library	100,451	83,966	86,579	80,669	93,946
Royal Branch	17,377	16,458	15,792	16,251	16,960
Algiers Branch	9,380	7,931	7,994	9,736	10,724
Napoleon Branch	19,522	17,111	17,576	12,087	14,586
Canal Branch	19,561	17,880	17,696	15,254	16,528
Dryades Branch	13,732	14,105	13,790	13,855	15,761
Totals	180,023	157,451	159,427	147,852	168,505

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1917-1921.

TABLE 12.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
General works	191	226	419	294	302
Philosophy	246	85	224	106	112
Religion	245	51	59	76	72
Sociology	1,180	500	680	513	599
Philology	58	252	60	69	43
Natural science	143	110	176	154	158
Useful arts	787	395	818	436	519
Fine arts	265	161	210	164	182
Literature	775	339	700	441	534
Travel	201	131	225	97	196
Biography	245	142	207	149	159
History	548	925	662	255	280
Fiction	3,063	2,517	3,740	2,984	4,150
Totals	7,947	5,834	8,180	5,739	7,306

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Money Received from Fines and Catalogues, 1921.

TABLE 13.

Central Library	$3,518.89
Royal Branch	505.41
Algiers Branch	358.60
Napoleon Branch	390.75
Canal Branch	556.05
Dryades Branch	114.54
Total	$5,444.24

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1917-1921.

TABLE 14.

	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	Total.
Week Days—						
Reference and reading rooms	45,218	37,085	40,017	41,265	49,267	212,852
Newspaper room	32,933	24,817	44,074	40,827	44,317	186,968
Sundays—						
Reference and reading rooms	2,746	2,305	2,810	2,492	2,604	12,957
Newspaper room	2,594	2,513	3,025	3,049	3,026	14,207
Totals	83,491	66,720	89,926	87,633	99,214	426,984

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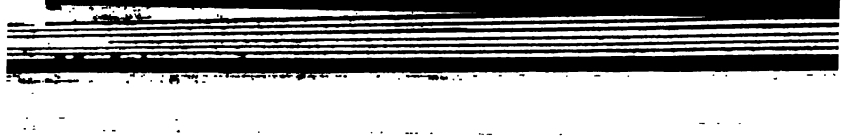
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MAIN LIBRARY



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Orleans, La., March 13, 1923.

To the Hon. Andrew J. McShane, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

The very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the city of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

We desire again to thank you for the increase which you gave us for the year 1922, which is very much appreciated by the entire Board, but we again call your attention to the necessity in the future, owing to the increased population and the great demand by the reading public, that this fund should be adequately enlarged. The Board of Directors are all in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the public library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,

President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YEAR 1922

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen:—Our library has now completed its twenty-seventh year under its present name. I have, however, several times called the attention of the Board to the fact that though we appear to be a recently founded institution our library traces its origin back in an unbroken line through the Lyceum and Library Society and the Mechanics Institute to the Fisk Free Library, established by the legacy of Abijah Fisk in the year 1843. These early foundations were re-organized and began a renewed life in April 1896 under the name of the New Orleans Public Library. Its collection of books was an excellent one and included some thirty or thirty-five thousand volumes. The appropriation for its maintenance was so small that little successful library work could be done. In June 1906, when I assumed the duties of librarian, the library had slowly grown until its book collection included about 60,000 volumes. The number of borrowers was less than 5,000 and the library was housed on the upper floor of one of the Court Buildings. To-day we have in our Main Library Building and grounds one of the finest pieces of library property in the country and have in addition five fairly large branch buildings. Our collection of books includes 184,679 volumes; of this number 119,990 at the Main Library; 14,856, Royal Branch; 13,631, Algiers Branch; 13,953, Napoleon Branch; 13,846, Canal Branch; 8,403, Dryades Branch.

There are now 28,000 borrowers withdrawing books from the library, and during the year 106,322 persons read in the Reading, Magazine and Newspaper Rooms. The circulation has increased from about 99,000 in 1906 to 625,997 in 1922.

The last five years have presented phases of life and work most unusual in the library world. The usual course of life

for the greater part of the world was interrupted and changed materially when the World War, the great disturbing cause was concluded. The spirit of social and economic unrest was everywhere apparent in the earlier months of this period of five years. The minds of our people as well as their social and economic habits and conditions have, to a great extent, returned to their usual channels. All of these changes have been reflected most distinctly in the character and extent of the reading that has been done. A study of our records shows that in this time the reading of fiction at the Main Library has increased fifty per cent; juvenile fiction thirty per cent; adult non-fiction thirty-three per cent; juvenile non-fiction twenty-two per cent. The total increase in the circulation of the Main Library is about thirty-seven per cent; Royal Branch, adult fiction eighteen per cent; juvenile fiction twenty-three per cent; adult non-fiction seven per cent; juvenile non-fiction twenty-two per cent, a total increase of about eighteen per cent; Algiers Branch, adult fiction thirty-seven per cent; juvenile fiction fifty-eight per cent; adult non-fiction nineteen per cent; juvenile non-fiction forty-nine per cent, a total increase of about forty-one per cent; Napoleon Branch, adult fiction twenty per cent; juvenile fiction nineteen per cent; adult non-fiction fourteen per cent; juvenile non-fiction seven per cent; a total increase of about fifteen per cent; Canal Branch, adult fiction twenty-eight per cent; juvenile fiction nineteen per cent; adult non-fiction six per cent; juvenile non-fiction five per cent; a total increase of about thirteen per cent; Dryades Branch, adult fiction twenty-nine per cent; juvenile fiction forty-one per cent; adult non-fiction twenty-six per cent; juvenile non-fiction eleven per cent; a total increase of about twenty per cent.

Our work with the schools, which we consider of the utmost importance, has progressed most satisfactorily. We have been aided in this work by the earnest efforts of the Assistant Superintendents of Education, the Supervisors of Reading, the Superintendent of Education and a number of the school principals. The head of the Juvenile Department



ROYAL BRANCH



each year visits every school and arranges with the principals and teachers for the most liberal distribution of books that the laws and ordinances under which our library is organized permit.

The Newspapers have this year been liberal in the space given to library activities. This publicity and the frequent call on the librarian for talks before literary and historical bodies, and the various schools of the city constitute the only form of advertising that our library gets. The lack of funds prevents systematic advertising such as is employed by other libraries.

The library property includes six buildings and their sites, furniture and books. The buildings are all in good condition, except the Algiers Branch, the roof of which must be repaired. The outside woodwork of the Main Library is badly in need of painting.

The revenues of the library are derived from two endowments, the Fisk and Simon Hernsheim, and from the annual appropriation of the Commission Council. The increased appropriation made last year by the Council showed immediately in the increased circulation of our library, made possible by the increased number of books that we were able to purchase. Our circulation, as I have previously stated, showed an increase over the previous year of nearly 100,000. The annual circulation is distributed as follows: Main Library, 279,860; Royal Branch, 82,656; Algiers Branch, 64,019; Napoleon Branch, 91,360; Canal Branch 81,914; Dryades Branch, 26,188.

During the year we lost by death from our Board Hon. Paul Capdeville and Mr. Adolph Katz. Mr. Katz was succeeded by Mr. W. Irving Moss. As Mr. Capdeville was an ex-officio member he was not replaced.

Our library force consists of a librarian and a staff of twenty-one ladies, a secretary, two stenographers, fourteen pages, two clerks, a bookkeeper, seven janitors, two porters and, for four months, an engineer; fifty-two employees.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT (M. L.)

The Juvenile Department is designed to serve readers under sixteen years of age and all of those who have not entered the high schools. The collection of books in this department numbers 11,122; the number of borrowers is 3,560; and the circulation for the year was 57,627, or nearly three-quarters of the average circulation of our four white branches. Naturally, the work in this department brings it in more direct contact with the schools than has the work in the other departments. By repeated and regular visits to the schools, cooperation is established and maintained very effectively.

Our library is not permitted to establish deposit stations in any building that is not under the control of the Library Board. A special system for the issuance of books to the schools had, therefore, to be devised. The plan now employed is a very satisfactory one, but one that is rather difficult to induce the schools to adopt. The effectiveness of this plan and its feasibility is shown by the fact that one of the schools, the Lusher, sometimes withdraws as many as 400 books in a day; and the Kruttschnitt frequently withdraws 300 in a day.

Again this year we have obtained our best results from the liberal keeping of statistics in order to determine the exact character of reading desired by our borrowers, and from the establishment of the closest possible relations between the assistants in this department and their young readers. To carry out this work effectively has required the abandonment of many of the forms of library work commonly used to stimulate and direct the attention of young readers. This means that we make few picture bulletins, hold few contests and competitions; aid in the organization of few clubs and have reduced bibliographies to brief practical working lists.

Our Children's Book Week, that has always been a success, was this year even more successful than usual. Over 13,000 children visited our book exhibits and heard the lectures and story telling of one hundred and twenty-six vol-

unteer speakers. Nearly one hundred schools sent delegates to the exhibit. There were many adult visitors who were quite as much interested as were the children. Many of the speakers and story tellers were men and women of eminence, leaders in the subjects which they discussed for the benefit of our young patrons.

The Times-Picayune has conducted for this department a contest in the writing of essays on famous books.

The director of the Little Theatre kindly gave us a Christmas reading, we invited to this reading not only the young borrowers of the library, but the children of the several orphan asylums of the city.

One of the largest exhibits held in the department this year, was that of the Junior Red Cross Society.

The biggest piece of work undertaken was a census, taken in the first eight grades of the public schools to ascertain just what books and what character of books each boy and girl preferred to read. The replies to our queries are accompanied by the reason for the choice in each case. This data is now being tabulated and the results will be of great value to us in our work.

The assistant in charge of this department, together with the librarian, spoke as usual at a number of the schools during Education Week.

The subject of the annual essay contest conducted by the United daughters of the Confederacy was the Life and Work of Judah P. Benjamin.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT (M. L.)

The work of this department has, in its general character, been the same as throughout last year. As our circulation increased by nearly 100,000 over the circulation of the previous year, the volume of work done in the circulation department was considerably increased.

The usual records to determine the character of books desired by the public were kept. The bibliographies and

exhibits displayed, included the books or list of books on the following subjects:

Daily Exhibit of Current Events; Best Plays of Today, American Library Association Selection; Period Furniture; Costumes for the School Carnivals; Public Health Nurse; Russian Opera; Lenten Reading, Religious Book Week; Books of Appeal in Business; Travel; Wanderlust; Back to Nature; May Day; Mothers Day; Books, the Ideal Graduation Gift; Uniform College Entrance Requirements; Best Books of 1921, New York State Library's Selection; Hallowe'en, this display resulted in the circulation of every book in the collection; Christmas, and Modern Drama.

The newspapers have liberally assisted us in popularizing the circulation of certain books; The Times-Picayune publishes a weekly list on the Woman's Page, and a monthly list of the most notable additions to the circulation department. The Item publishes a monthly list of books on Business. The States publishes a monthly list on Arts and Crafts, and all of them have published frequent interviews with the librarian on topics of interest to the library and its borrowers.

Perhaps the most notable addition to the circulation department was the sixteen volume set of Reeds Service Manual which gives a diagram and instructions concerning the operation and repair of the Starting, Lighting and Ignition System, of practically every automobile commonly used in the United States.

We have had less trouble this year than ever before in finding good material for substitutes in the summer months. An ample number of college girls are each year now applying for this work and are willing to enter brief training classes to properly fit them for their duties.

The head of the Circulation Department is also conducting a monthly class of instruction for the regular employees of her group. I regret very much that this cannot be a class of daily instruction.



ALGIERS BRANCH

It may be of interest to note that the circulation of Best Books and Classic Old Favorites have been used far more by men readers than by the ladies.

The Radio entertainments given by the daily papers have stimulated such an interest in this subject that it has undoubtedly been the most popular one during the year.

The usual work was done to assist the students of the Tulane and Loyola Summer Schools.

The Railways of France and Italy sent us thirty-six beautiful art posters depicting the most beautiful spots in these two countries. We used these posters in connection with book displays to stimulate an interest in biography, history and travel.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT (M. L.)

In the Reference Department there are 13,613 volumes. Of this number 6,371 are bound and indexed magazines. There were 32,040 readers in the Reference Room. The additions to this department were 451, including 172 magazines. There were a few accessions that were notable or of value. Some of the more important were:—"Encyclopaedia Britannica," three supplemental volumes; Pyle, "Record of his illustrations and writings;" "Effect of the Physical Make up of a Book on Children," Bamburger; "Jubilee Souvenir of Temple Sinai," Heller; "New Constitutions of Europe," McBain; "Supreme Courts in the United States History," Warren; "Ship Names of the United States Navy," Neeser; "Outline of Science," Thomas; "Coal Catalogue, combined with Coal Field Directory;" "Handbook of the Petroleum Industry," David; "Pittsburg Flood Commission Report;" "Service Manual of Starting, Lighting and Ignition," Reed; "Wild and Cultivated Cotton Plants of the World," Watt; "Forest Products Laboratory Decennial Record, 1910-1920;" "Cane Sugar," Deer; "Gas Chemists Handbook," American Gas Association; "Soap-making Manual," Thomson; "International Trade Developer, 1922-1923;" "Outlines of the History of Art," Lubke; "Jewelry Making and Design," Rose

and Cirino; "Macmillan's Historical Atlas of Modern Europe;" "Complete Atlas of the World," Rand McNally; "Mississippi Valley Beginnings," Chambers.

PERIODICAL, UNITED STATES, STATE AND LOCAL DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT.

The library subscribes to 237 periodicals and receives, as gifts exclusive of public documents and kindred publications, 124. The readers in the magazine and reference room numbered 58,291, and in the newspaper room 48,031. We added to our Federal document collection 163 bound volumes and 2,132 pamphlets; to our Louisiana documents collection, 12 bound and 21 unbound documents; and to our City of New Orleans documents, 1 bound volume and 5 pamphlets. There were 1820 calls for United States documents. This is an exceptional use of documents when we consider that all of the most popular documents have been removed to the reference department and therefore are not included in these statistics. The Superintendent of Documents has announced his intention to forward to the depositors, government documents as soon as they are issued instead of holding all documents until the fixed monthly date of shipment. This new plan will enable us to give our readers much prompter and more satisfactory service.

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The cataloguing department accessioned, classified and catalogued 12,370 volumes, including 688 gifts; discarded 3,458 books; prepared all books for the shelves, new books, rebounds, exchanges and transfers.

This year we have continued the issuing of books to the branches to circulate for three months at each branch and then return to the main library or to be assigned to that branch in which they have been popular.

A general revision of the Catalogue and a general revision of the classification of the Main Library was begun.

A fuller analysis of the essays, biographies, and modern plays has been made.

One of the features of this year has been the checking up of the circulation of the branches to determine the books that do not circulate a sufficient number of times to warrant their retention. The books unpopular in one branch have been transferred either to the Main Library or to the branch in which they would be more likely to be used.

Again, this year, work in the Catalogue Department has been seriously hampered by substituting for absentees in other departments. Nearly one quarter of the time of the entire force has been lost in this manner.

MENDING DEPARTMENT.

This department bound from sheets 300 books; sewed and recased 17,063; sewed into pamphlet cases 429; mended 16,049; made 831 book covers; and sent to the binders 2,289 volumes. This department does also all work required in relabeling books in the Circulation Department.

REGISTRATION DEPARMENT.

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. There is a Juvenile Card; an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August, and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile card two books can be withdrawn; on the adult branch card, three, on the adult main card, five, and on the deposit card, one. There are now in force 27,919 cards of all character, of this number 11,385 were issued in 1922.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographers, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspondence of the librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 8100 pieces of signed mail and 7,150 form letters that do not require signature.

STAFF.

The working force at the Main Library includes in addition to the Librarian eleven members of the staff. Besides the Staff members there are fourteen pages, a secretary, two stenographers, two clerks, a bookkeeper, two janitors, two porters and, for four months, an engineer. The force at each of the five branches consists of two Staff members and a janitor.

During the year Miss Guirovich, Miss Kay and Miss Reynolds were promoted from pageship to positions on the Staff. Miss Barnes and Miss Scullin resigned on account of their approaching marriage. Miss Duplantier resigned to accept a better paying position in one of the libraries of the public schools.

The two young women at the Colored Branch were promoted as probationary appointees.

We still are experiencing difficulty in inducing any one with the proper education to apply for Staff positions on account of the small salaries that we pay. In many cases our salaries are less than one-half the amount paid to the teachers in the public schools. Our library has grown to be such a large institution and our Staff has dwindled to so few, with very little hope of proper augmentation, that the outlook for competent and efficient service is not bright.

BRANCHES.

The branches have shared with the Main Library the increased circulation this year. The Algiers Branch is especially to be commended for the very large increase in its circulation. The Negro Branch showed the next largest increase, then followed the Royal Branch, then the Napoleon Branch and last Canal Branch.

There are five Branches in our system:

Royal—Number of books, 14,856; additions in the year, 1,761; circulation, 82,656; number of borrowers, 3.242.

Algiers—Number of books, 13,631; additions in the year, 1,534; circulation, 64,019; number of borrowers, 3,699.



NAPOLEON BRANCH

Napoleon—Number of books, 13,953; additions in the year, 1,706; circulation, 91,360; number of borrowers, 3,882.

Canal—Number of books, 13,846; additions in the year, 1,530; circulation, 81,914; number of borrowers, 4,106.

Dryades—Number of books, 8,403; additions in the year, 1,145; circulation, 26,188; number of borrowers, 1,325.

A special effort will be made during the coming year to make the work of the Branches more uniform and to endeavor, through most vigorous efforts to create a greater local interest in the library and extend its circulation.

HOLIDAYS.

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 5 p. m. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 m. to December 26th, 9 a. m.; December 31st, from 12 m. to January 2nd, 9 a. m.; and, at 5 p. m. the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the Staff who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1922.

H. M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 14, 1923.

THE NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1922.

RECEIPTS.

General Fund Balance from year 1921		$ 1,899.64
City of New Orleans appropriation for year 1922	$75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Balance Marine Bank & Trust Co.	170.71	
Bourbon Street Property Rentals	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous Sale Waste Paper, etc.	96.82	
Fines and Catalogues, Main Library	3,937.39	
Fines and Catalogues, Royal Branch	550.88	
Fines and Catalogues, Algiers Branch	336.29	
Fines and Catalogues, Napoleon Branch	577.77	
Fines and Catalogues, Canal Branch	702.26	
Fines and Catalogues, Dryades Branch	101.26	84,473.38
		$86,373.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

Main Library—		
Books	$13,735.33	
Periodicals	1,497.11	
Binding	969.87	
General Expenses	5,956.67	
Insurance	276.00	
Heating	236.08	
Printing and Stationery	876.89	
Salaries	35,487.85	$59,037.80
Royal Branch—		
General Expenses	551.29	
Printing and Stationery	224.18	
Heating	28.50	
Binding	298.01	
Salaries	3,129.20	4,231.18
Algiers Branch—		
General Expenses	289.02	
Printing and Stationery	223.51	
Heating	47.50	
Binding	171.85	
Salaries	3,060.00	3,791.88
		$67,060.86
Amount brought forward		$67,060.86
Napoleon Branch—		
General Expenses	215.69	
Printing and Stationery	242.27	
Heating	47.50	
Binding	363.60	
Salaries	3,059.84	3,929.10

Canal Branch—		
General Expenses	485.26	
Printing and Stationery	247.07	
Heating	47.50	
Binding	312.78	
Salaries	2,972.90—	4,065.51
Dryades Branch—		
General Expenses	155.65	
Printing and Stationery	204.37	
Heating	47.50	
Salaries	2,697.30—	3,104.82
		$78,160.29

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts		$86,373.02
Total Disbursements		78,160.29
Balance in Banks		$ 8,212.73
Marine Bank & Trust Co.	$ 8,038.36	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	174.37—	8,212.73

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1921	$ 35.27	
Interest Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00—	1,515.27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books	1,424.61
Balance with Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	$ 90.66

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., January 26th, 1923.

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED
By the
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1922.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	304

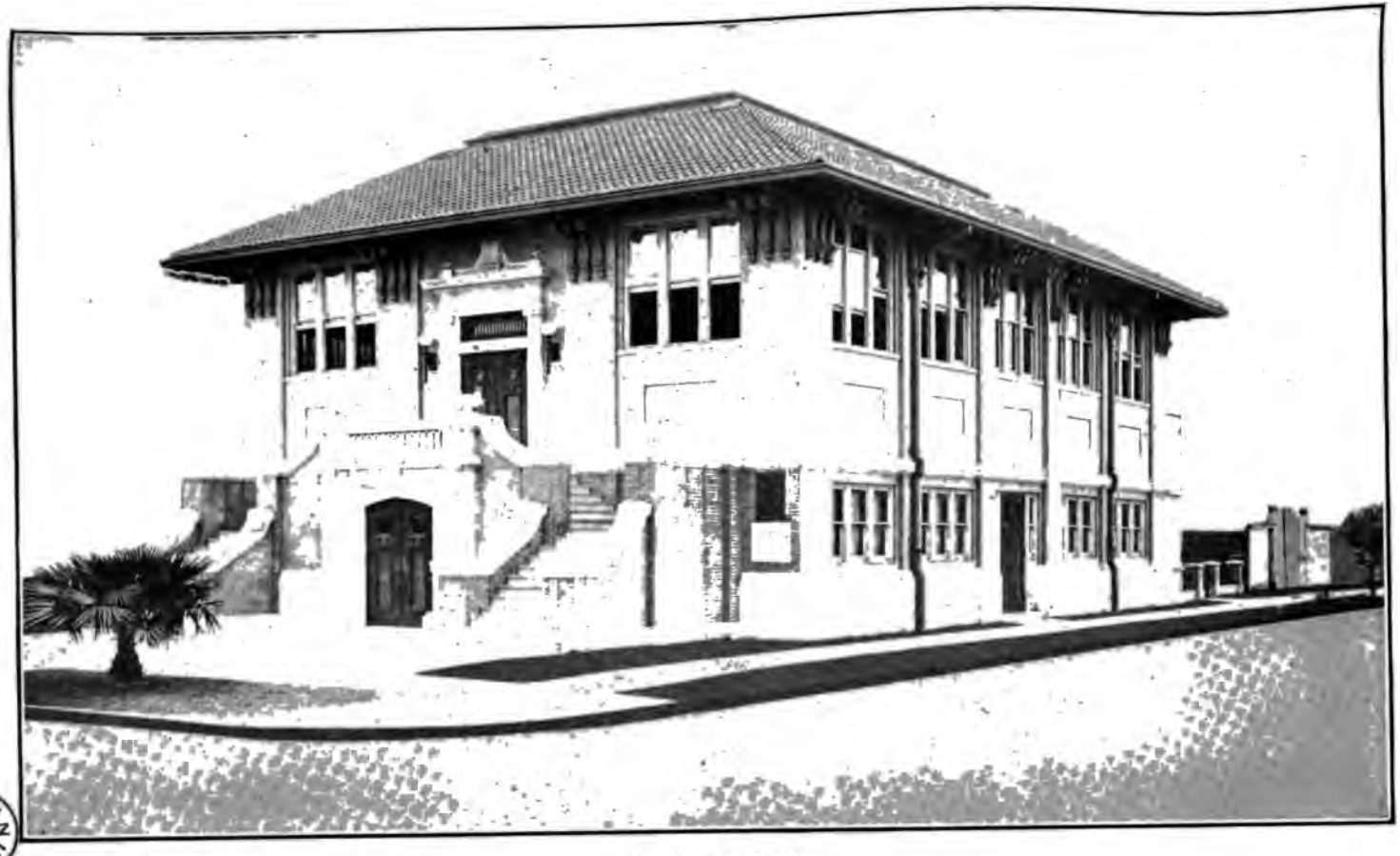
Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	152,751	23,016	175,767
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	4,608	7,074	11,682
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	654	34	688
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	1,780	1,678	3,458
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	156,233	28,446	184,679
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	285,396	103,338	388,734
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	366,025	148,917	514,942

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpected balance	$ 1,899.64	Books	$15,159.94
Local taxation (city appropriation)	75,000.00	Periodicals	1,497.11
State grants	None	Binding	2,116.31
Endowment funds	4,480.00	Salaries, Library service	40,655.09
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,714.81
Fine and sale of publication	6,205.85	Light (included in city contracts)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vments	None
Other sources	267.53	Other expenses	10,406.37
		Balance on hand	8,303.39
	$87,853.02		$87,853.02

Number of prints for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	11,385
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (titles not including State or Federal publications)	361
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	106,322



CANAL BRANCH



CIRCULATION IN 1922.

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Total Circulation, 1922.

TABLE No. 1

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home use	228,201	68,198	51,781	81,007	64,549	21,206	514,942
Library use	51,659	14,458	12,238	10,353	17,365	4,982	111,055
Total	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188	625,997

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches, 1910-1922.

TABLE No. 2

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1922.

TABLE No. 3

1905	99,100	1914	488,411
1906	98,749	1915	495,504
1907	97,316	1916	517,125
1908	245,559	1917	500,918
1909	325,057	1918	467,967
1910	350,746	1919	477,974
1911	400,397	1920	480,603
1912	472,868	1921	543,074
1913	447,403	1922	625,997

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 4

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Central Library	90,712	96,186	104,715	126,021	134,212
Royal Branch	34,140	31,662	35,200	39,847	41,348
Algiers Branch	19,337	20,090	23,990	28,968	31,014
Napoleon Branch	41,630	39,855	33,190	41,043	51,766
Canal Branch	31,565	32,748	37,019	39,427	44,208
Dryades Branch	5,826	5,704	2,789	3,404	4,340
Totals	223,210	226,245	236,903	278,710	306,888

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 5

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Central Library	28,489	32,377	33,783	30,086	36,067
Royal Branch	15,379	16,025	16,730	17,955	21,279
Algiers Branch	8,279	8,675	12,611	13,663	19,808
Napoleon Branch	16,541	15,530	13,396	14,649	20,425
Canal Branch	15,984	16,272	17,063	16,438	19,734
Dryades Branch	2,634	2,538	2,263	3,068	4,488
Totals	87,306	91,417	95,846	95,859	121,801

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 6

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Central Library	119,201	128,563	138,498	156,107	170,279
Royal Branch	49,519	47,687	51,932	57,802	62,627
Algiers Branch	27,616	28,765	36,601	42,631	50,822
Napoleon Branch	58,171	55,385	46,586	55,692	72,191
Canal Branch	47,549	49,020	54,082	55,865	63,942
Dryades Branch	8,460	8,242	5,052	6,472	8,828

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 7

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
General works	6,110	6,151	5,345	7,260	8,221
Philosophy	3,149	4,164	3,587	4,646	4,705
Religion	2,121	2,023	1,789	2,514	2,654
Sociology	7,095	7,469	7,805	9,426	11,045
Philology	1,932	1,793	1,556	1,737	1,631
Natural science	3,496	3,490	3,432	3,703	4,334
Useful arts	8,477	8,997	8,548	9,782	11,087
Fine arts	3,295	3,899	4,134	5,060	6,014
Literature	13,308	14,435	13,260	18,028	20,078
History, travel, biography	17,507	16,033	13,930	16,792	18,439
Totals	66,490	68,454	63,386	78,948	88,208



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DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1922.

TABLE No. 8

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	721	252	1,272	625	45
Philosophy	88	105	528	443	541
Religion	86	107	314	248	704
Sociology	523	351	661	857	1,701
Philology	308	68	143	171	310
Natural science	280	236	377	372	977
Useful arts	538	380	813	783	1,102
Fine arts	511	282	523	422	1,058
Literature	1,552	1,158	3,081	2,873	1,312
History, travel, biography	1,706	869	2,699	2,147	1,183
Totals	6,313	3,808	10,411	8,941	8,933

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1910-1922.

TABLE No. 9

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
General works	115	1,245	1,536	768	1,091
Philosophy	34	32	19	47	59
Religion	748	504	652	412	725
Sociology	6,713	6,748	6,172	5,432	7,811
Philology	15	6			
Natural science	716	710	762	969	1,567
Useful arts	1,288	1,581	1,145	1,061	1,326
Fine arts	1,259	1,070	1,123	1,100	1,354
Literature	2,751	2,839	2,469	2,538	3,285
History, travel, biography	3,837	3,660	3,405	2,671	4,155
Totals	17,476	18,125	17,283	14,998	21,373

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1922.

TABLE No. 10

	Royal Branch	Branch Algiers	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	0	202	0	13	2
Philiosophy	88	19	4	34	68
Religion	468	288	407	312	408
Sociology	4,678	4,569	3,549	4,053	2,560
Philology	2	8	0	0	0
Natural science	1,217	626	835	631	960
Useful arts	1,167	467	701	713	1,080
Fine arts	1,461	565	746	498	1,070
Literature	1,979	1,246	873	1,315	1,058
History, travel, biography	2,656	1,399	1,643	1,462	1,221
Totals	13,716	9,389	8,758	9,031	8,427

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 11

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Central Library	83,966	86,579	80,669	93,946	109,581
Royal Branch	16,458	15,792	16,251	16,960	20,029
Algiers Branch	7,931	7,994	9,736	10,724	13,197
Napoleon Branch	17,111	17,576	12,087	14,586	19,169
Canal Branch	17,880	17,696	15,254	16,528	17,972
Dryades Branch	14,105	13,790	13,855	15,761	17,360
Totals	157,451	159,427	147,852	168,505	197,308

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 12

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
General works	226	419	294	302	252
Philosophy	85	224	106	112	180
Religion	51	59	76	72	178
Sociology	500	680	513	599	1,608
Philology	252	60	69	43	17
Natural science	110	176	154	158	469
Useful arts	395	818	436	519	673
Fine arts	161	210	164	182	434
Literature	339	700	441	534	705
Travel	131	225	97	196	277
Biography	142	207	149	159	459
History	925	662	255	280	459
Fiction	2,517	3,740	2,984	4,150	6,718
Totals	5,834	8,180	5,739	7,306	12,370

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES.

Money Received from Fines, 1922.

TABLE No. 13

Central Library	$3,937.39
Royal Branch	550.88
Algiers Branch	336.29
Napoleon Branch	577.77
Canal Branch	702.26
Dryades Branch	101.26
Total	$6,205.85

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1918-1922.

TABLE No. 14

	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	Total
Week Days—						
Reference and reading rooms	37,085	40,017	41,265	49,267	55,678	223,312
Newspaper room	24,817	44,074	40,827	44,317	45,219	199,254
Sundays—						
Reference and reading rooms	2,305	2,810	2,492	2,604	2,613	12,824
Newspaper room	2,513	3,025	3,049	3,026	2,812	14,425
Totals	66,720	89,926	87,633	99,214	106,322	449,815

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Dryades Branch—(Colored).

Miss Anita L. Johnson, Assistant in Charge.
Miss Dora Guichard, Assistant.
E. E. Swann, Janitor.

** Resigned.
*** Promoted during year to Staff.



MAIN LIBRARY



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Orleans, La., March 13, 1924.

To the Hon. Andrew J. McShane, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

The very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the city of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

The Board of Directors are all in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the public library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,

President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1923

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen:

Though our library had its foundation under the legacy of Abijah Fisk in the year 1843, it has under its present name and with its present purposes been established for only some twenty-eight years. When in April, 1896, it was reorganized, the library was a modest institution with provision for the circulation of only adult books. There was no Juvenile Department, no Reference Department, no Document Department, a very limited Periodical Department, no Branches, and no Delivery Stations. The circulation at that time was about 43,000 per annum, the number of those who read in the library was so small that no record was kept of the attendance.

The library organization to-day includes five well equipped Branches and the Main Library, with nearly every department that the institution at its beginning lacked. The number of books in our present collection includes 193,853; of this number 123,749 are at the Main Library; 15,918 at the Royal Branch; 14,811 at the Algiers Branch; 15,162 at the Napoleon Branch; 14,887 at the Canal Branch; and 9,326 at the Dryades (Colored Branch).

The number of those who read in our several reading rooms was 109,262. The number of borrowers withdrawing books is nearly 30,000.

Our circulation for the year was an increase of nearly 33,000 over the circulation of 1922, and an increase of nearly 116,000 over the circulation of 1921. This substantial increase in the services rendered by the library to the public is not only gratifying because of the increase in the number of books issued, but the grade of the books being read has also improved to such an extent as to warrant the inference that our people have come to realize the great advantage and necessity of a public library, as a great educational factor, far more than in previous years.

The four most important features in the year's work have been the effort to advertise the activities and resources of the library through the public press and public addresses. As the library has no funds available for publicity, all notices through the press must be gratuitous. I wish to thank the newspapers of the city for their kindness and the liberality of spirit in which they have assisted us in our educational work. A very vigorous effort was made to reach the workers in the great business institutions and factories of our city. Ninety such institutions were visited during the year, the purpose of our work explained to the president or manager, and carefully prepared placards and posters telling of the library's resources and the manner in which these resources could be employed were posted in conspicuous places through the various buildings. Many special lists were compiled and mailed to various business bodies, one of the best of these on "Banking and Financing" was sent in sufficient numbers to reach every employee of every central and branch bank in the city. Each year we make one of our chief undertakings the coordination of our work with school and college work, visits are paid to the many schools of the city, both public and private, lists of books are compiled and sent to the instructors, many of the classes in a body visit the library and the use and attraction of our institution are presented to them by brief talks and addresses. One of the most important annual events in connection with our school work is the nation-wide celebration of Book Week. This year more elaborate and detailed plans were prepared than ever before for these exericses, last year in the designated week 13,000 boys and girls visited the Main Building and the five Branches; this year our visitors numbered more than 30,000. Seventy story tellers and lecturers addressed the young people in the interest of good reading, five hundred excellent editions of the best books for boys and girls were exhibited for the young people's pleasure and instruction, most of these books were drawn from the shelves of the library itself, all of the principal book stores in the city, however, loaned us a number of handsome books. As our fourth special effort for the year, we established a class of instruction for the staff and pages of the Main Library, each member of the corps taking her turn in conducting the work of the class after a brief period of special preparation for this work. The Acting President of the Board attended one of the sessions of the class and delivered a very encouraging and inspiriting address to its members. I was pleased



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to see that he was very favorably impressed with this work. I recommended to him that the Branch employees be added to this class and this recommendation met with his approval.

I have on several occasions explained to the Board the advantages and the necessity of, from time to time, shifting the library workers from position to position to enable them to have a proper general understading of library work, and to fit themselves to fill vacant positions during periods of absence and the vacations. This system should be extended to the employees in the Branches where the work is narrower and more limited than that done by the employees in the Main Library. An assistant who remains several years at a Branch is likely to know less of library economy and administration than she did when she was first assigned to the Branch. This instruction can be accomplished only by requiring each Branch assistant to work a few weeks each year at the Main Library. This plan is the only substitute that we can offer for the rigid and exacting requirements of preparation for library work demanded in all other large libraries.

The only repairs to buildings undertaken during the year was the replacement of the sheet iron roof of the Algiers Building with a substantial copper roof; the painting of a large part of the interior of the Main Library Building, and the replacement of the broken pieces of glass floor in the Main Library Building. I still hope that the Commission Council may be induced this year to paint at least all of the exterior wood-work of the Main Library Building. Under the direction of the Chairman of the Administration Committee the Main Library grounds were laid out and planted as a garden.

A gift of unusual value was made to the library this year by Mr. Clarence Low, whose donation included 1,150 books. Almost without exception the titles were needed by the library, were in excellent condition and of the best editions. Another gift of unusual value was made by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. H. Chaffe, whose donation included about 500 books. Many of these were handsome morocco editions.

Two of the members of the Board have severed their connections with the library, Mr. D. D. Moore, who resigned on account of leaving the city and Mr. W. Irving Moss; who resigned on account of the pressure of business. One of these

vacanies has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. J. Waguespack.

MAIN LIBRARY

Circulating Department (Adult)

This department of the library has the largest group of workers of any of the library departments. Our open stack system entails considerable work in the serving of the public and the keeping of the books in order. The earnest efforts of the corps of workers in this department to maintain great tidiness of the shelves and a better physical condition of the books themselves have considerably improved the appearance of this department.

The increased circulation has also rewarded their efforts to give the best service to the public. The readjustment of the budget that has permitted the purchase of a larger number of books has, however, been the main factor in increasing the circulation.

This department throughout the year prepares exhibits of books for every special occasion that arises, great public events, important undertakings, historical anniversaries, business opportunities, educational features, or any other event or matter of considerable interest. In this manner, the library by these special collections makes it easy for the interested reader to keep posted on the important subjects that concern him.

Some of the special lists prepared and some of the exhibits displayed were:

"Theatre and Drama;" "Banking and Allied Subjects;" "Louisiana Purchase;" "American History;" "International Relations;" "Best Books of 1922;" a selection of the New York State Library; "Opera;" "United States Educational Department Reading Courses;" "Uniform College Entrance Requirements;" "Festivals of the Year."

The staff and pages of this department hold a monthly meeting to review the work of the past months and prepare for the work of the coming month.

This year for the first time we had sufficient money to attempt the circulation of even a limited number of periodicals.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

The Juvenile Department of the Main Library has this year, due to the earnest and energetic efforts of its head, Miss McGinty, developed, and produced results that are truly enviable. The greater part of the burden of the work with the schools in the preparation for Children's Book Week, the arrangement of exhibits and kindred work falls upon this department. One of the features of the celebration of Book Week, in this department, was a book tableau and lecture prepared by the pupils of the Francis T. Nicholls Industrial School.

One pleasant feature of the work of this department is the annual Christmas entertainment of Christmas story telling for the inmates of all of the orphan asylums of the city. The ladies in this department also assisted, by story telling, the Elks in their annual entertainment for the orphans. Throughout the summer, daily story telling is employed as a means of entertaining and educating the children who are on vacation.

Many of the classes of the lower grades come to this department for their reading hour on account of the variety of material provided for this work. Many of these pupils, brought in this manner to the library take out cards and become permanent readers.

Through the kindness of the superintendent and the teachers of the public schools, every boy and girl in the first eight grades was furnished the opportuntiy of voting for the book which he or she thought best. These thousands of votes were tabulated with the result that the following twenty-five books proved to be the most popular with the young people of our city:

"Robinson Crusoe;" "Alice in Wonderland;" "Little Women;" "Peter Rabbit;" "Black Beauty;" "Little Lord Fauntleroy;" "Lady Jane;" "Tarzan of the Apes;" "Bunny Brown and his Sister Sue;" "Little Black Sambo;" "Five Little Peppers;" "Treasure Island;" "The Little Colonel" series; "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill;" "Sara Crewe;" "Campfire Girls;" "Swiss Family Robinson;" "Uncle Tom's Cabin;" "Adventures of Tom Sawyer;" "Andersen's Fairy Tales;" "Grimm's Fairy Tales;" "Robin Hood;" "Clemens, S. L. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn;" "Baum, L. F. Wizard of Oz;" "Alcott, L. M. Little Men."

Two of the most interesting exhibits of this department during the year were bird houses, made by the boy readers of the library, and classified collections of insects, captured and mounted by our boys and girls.

The Juvenile collection in the Main Library numbers over 12,000 books. About 1,300 boys and girls withdrew books from this department, and the circulation for the year was nearly 64,000. About 26,000 of this circulation includes a high grade of non-fiction.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The report of the Reference Department for the year contains the unusual statement that the boys and young men students from the high schools, normal school and colleges have out-numbered the young women students in the Reference Department.

The addition to this department of the collection of business and trade catalogs has called forth a good response in their use by the business men of the community.

There has been a decided increase in the use of all books concerning exporting, importing, and manufacturing processes.

The reference readers this year numbered over 31,000. The number of books in this department is 14,056. Of this number 6,528 are magazines.

The principal additions to the reference collection were:

"American Annual: an Encyclopaedia of Current Events;" "Thorndike's a History of Magic, 2 Vols.;" "Jefferson Davis, Constitutionalist: His Papers, Letters, and Speeches, 10 Vol.;" "Thomson's Outline of Science, Vols. 3 and 4;" "Mellor's Comprehesive Treatise on Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry, 4 Vols.;" "New Orleans Association of Commerce—Spillways for the Lower Mississippi;" "Sadler's and Mathes' Industrial Organic Chemistry, 5th ed., rev. and enl.;" "Kinder's Formulas for Book Binders;" "Anson's Law and Custom of the Constitution, 3 Vols., 5th ed.;" "Life and Work of Susan B. Anthony, 3 Vols.;" "Chambers Encyclopaedia, Vols. 1 and 2, new ed.;" "Rand, McNally and Co.—Commercial Atlas of America, 55th ed;" "Rand, McNally and Co.—Commercial Atlas of Foreign Countries;" "Symonds' Old English Walnut and Lacquer Furniture;" "Kimball's Domestic



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Architecture of the American Colonies and of the Early Republic;" "Drinkwater's Outlines of Literature. 3 Vols.;" "Chambers Cyclopaedia of English Literature, 3 Vols., rev. ed.;" Cram's Modern Reference Atlas of the World."

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

The Cataloging Department does the work of accessioning, classification, cataloging, preparing for the shelves, discarding, preparing for binding and rebinding for the Main Library and all Branches. It also has charge of the transfers of all books and the lending of all books between one Branch and another and the Main Library and Branches, and the keeping of all records required for all these library processes.

This year to meet the changes made in the Dewey decimal classification system, the entire collection of the books on the World War was reclassified.

In conjunction with the Circulating Department of the Main Library, the Catalog Department checked up the records of circulation in all of the Branches of each book in each Branch collection and in order that there might be no uncirculable material at the Branches removed to the Main Library the copies of each title that did not show a reasonable circulation. This was a considerable undertaking but the great amount of work necessary for its accomplishment has resulted, in three of the Branches, in a substantial increase of Branch circulation in proportion to the number of volumes in the Branches.

A thorough revision of the general catalog has been begun, and the system of checking up and meeting Branch requests and Branch needs has been much improved.

The department considering the limited number of those employed in it has been turning out an exceedingly creditable amount of work. The readjustments and changes in the methods of operation have, this year, permitted an increase in the volume of work in the same amount of time and with the same effort. The department has just reason to be proud of its system, and the work done by it. Unfortunately, the smallness of our corps of library workers requires us to call on the Catalog Department for more than one-half of the substitutions for absentees.

A staff meeting for instruction and discussion is held in this department at least once a month.

During the year 11,195 books were accessioned. Of this number 846 were gifts. The number of books withdrawn this year for discards was 2,021, as this is a small number of discards the number will next year be very considerably increased. An average of 1,377 books was added to each of the four white Branches and 938 to the colored Branch. The Branches, therefore, received of the annual additions 6,448 books and the Main Library 4,747. This allotment allowed more books to the Branches in proportion to circulation than the Main Library received.

DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT

United States, State and Local

The United States Document Department constitutes a very valuable part of our library collection. It contains 11,135 bound volumes and 25,105 pamphlets. The additions to the collection this year numbered 175 bound volumes and 2,391 pamphlets. The number of calls for documents was 2,300. We have estimated from year to year that the use of the Patent Gazette alone saves to the citizens of New Orleans $5,000.00 annually. The other calls are almost invariably of important nature.

Our State Document collection had few additions, five bound volumes and sixteen pamphlets.

The additions to the New Orleans City Document collection was even smaller, one bound volume and six pamphlets.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The public is served by this department in two separate rooms, the Newspaper Room on the ground floor and the Magazine Room adjoining the Reference Room.

The library received 345 magazines, exclusive of United States, State, and Municipal Documents. Of this number 118 are gifts. The number of newspapers received is 36. Of this number 13 are gifts.

The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 54,304, nearly all of whom were men. The number of readers in the Magazine Room was 23,839, here also nearly all of the readers were men.

BINDING AND MENDING DEPARTMENT

Over 4,000 books were sent to the binders for rebinding. About 400 more were bound from sheets and a large number of the newly purchased books were resewed, reinforced, and recased before delivery.

A large number of the most popular books, to avoid withdrawal from the public for more than a week or two, are rebound in the library. This work is done practically without machinery and by our regular employees, not by special bindery workers. This year the addition of hand drills to the equipment of the department and the readjustment of the work has enabled the department to greatly increase the number of books resewed and rebound. This year the department resewed 2,034 books, recased 4,292, mended 1,397, and bound 252 pamphlets.

In repsonse to repeated requests from the various schools of the city, classes of instruction were held for a large number of teachers and pupils. Every year children in this manner become instructors in all of the schools, teaching their fellow pupils to mend and rebind their school books and school library books. This work not only benefits the pupils, but is an immediate and direct benefit to us in the increased care taken in the handling of our books by all who are taught the difficulties of mending.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. There is a Juvenile Card, an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August, and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile card two books can be withdrawn; on the Adult Branch card, three, on the Adult Main card, five, and on Deposit card, one. There are now in force 29,323 cards of all character, of this number 10,371 were issued in 1923.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographer, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspond-

ence of the Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 15,060 pieces of mail.

STAFF

Owing to the circumstances under which our employees come to us without any previous library training, our work has always been done with the greatest difficulty. If the members of the staff begin their service doubly handicapped through lack of sufficient systematic school training, it will be impossible for us to attain the usual standard of work maintained in other libraries. I would request, therefore, that in making future appointments, the Board require that the appointee shall have at least a high school education.

Under Act No. 89, 1900, of the State Legislature all appointments to the Staff of the New Orleans Public Library shall be made from eligible lists certified to the Library Board by the Civil Service Commission of the city of New Orleans. During the past year the Commission has held no competitive examinations, it has, therefore, furnished no eligible list to the Library Board. The Commission has, instead, instructed the Board to make its own appointments. Under this authority the Board has appointed to the Staff the following ladies: On June 12, Miss Olga Ferrata, Mrs. Raie E. Jaudel, Miss Elizabeth Charlton, Miss Kate Haggerty, and Miss Gertrude Richards; on October 9, Miss Nellie Hart, Miss Aline Kevlin, and Miss Alice Rogers.

In June, Miss M. L. Power was promoted to fill the vacancy left by Miss Collins.

Miss Quaid, the Assistant in Charge of the Canal Branch, was absent, on account of illness from her duties throughout the entire year. Miss Guillot, of the Algiers Branch on account of illness in her home was away for nearly three months.

The resignations of the following members of the Staff were received during the year:

Miss Katherine Collins who left to take charge of a Social Service Library in Washington City, Miss Sophie Kay who was married, and Miss Gertrude Richards who returned to college.

I regret to report that the statistical tables compiled by the American Library Association still show that the salaries paid



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to the members of our Staff are very much lower than the salaries paid elsewhere. Under present conditions we shall have great difficulty in inducing properly equiped people to undertake library work in our city and still more difficulty in holding them after their employment.

BRANCHES

The Branches, the first of which was opened some sixteen years ago, circulated this year 369,303 books. The greatest increase in circulation is shown by the Canal and Napoleon Branches. The combined Branch collection of books numbers 70,104, and the number of borrowers withdrawing books from the Branches is 17,801.

A very vigorous effort is made to keep the Branches supplied, either by permanent allotment or by temporary loans from the Main Library, with the good books most in demand, and to prevent over-crowding of the shelves by the removal to the Main Library of all titles that are not circulating. In this manner the greatest possible percentage of circulation is attained and the labor and expense of handling dead material avoided.

As each Branch borrower can also borrow from the Main Library he is, moreover, not denied access to the less often used books.

Each year proves more and more conclusively that the most important work that can be done by the Branches is with the younger readers.

The circulation of magazines from the Branch libraries has been only moderately successful.

As practically all of the technical library work is done for the Branches at the Main Library, the Branch employees have ample time to well administer and conduct the routine of their work, to create a relationship of friendliness in their neighborhood; and through the schools, clubs, and societies in their community to make their Branch an important and powerful factor in promoting the community's welfare.

HOLIDAYS

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 5 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 31st, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2nd, 9 A. M.; and, 5 P. M. the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the Staff and to the page who has worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence up to twelve are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1923.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 13, 1924.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1923

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from Year 1922		$ 8,212.73
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$ 75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Balance (Marine Bank)	358.80	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous, Sale waste paper, etc.	98.09	
Fines Main Library	4,076.82	
Fines Royal Branch	549.34	
Fines Algiers Branch	369.95	
Fines Napoleon Branch	573.48	
Fines Canal Branch	590.61	
Fines Dryades Branch	124.63	84,741.72
		92,954.45

DISBURSEMENTS

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$ 14,756.41	
Periodicals	1,325.50	
Binding	1,734.98	
General Expenses	5,307.72	
Heating	247.28	
Printing and Stationery	609.68	
Salaries	35,875.57	$ 59,857.14

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expenses	454.72	
Printing and Stationery	102.95	
Heating	31.50	
Binding	322.55	
Salaries	3,145.00	4,056.72

ALGIERS BRANCH

General Expenses	786.83	
Printing and Stationery	194.43	
Heating	55.70	
Binding	293.38	
Salaries	3,052.40	4,382.74
Amounts Carried Forward		68,296.60 92,954.45

Amounts Brought Forward		68,296.60	92,954.45

NAPOLEON BRANCH

General Expenses	$ 229.78		
Printing and Stationery	197.74		
Heating	42.00		
Binding	519.85		
Salaries	3,129.65	4,119.02	

CANAL BRANCH

General Expenses	186.65		
Printing and Stationery	106.08		
Heating	42.00		
Binding	491.46		
Salaries	3,383.85	4,210.04	

DRYADES BRANCH

General Expenses	112.34		
Printing and Stationery	111.60		
Heating	84.00		
Salaries	2,866.15	3,174.09	79,799.75
Balance in Banks			13,154.70
Marine Bank & Trust Co.		13,013.44	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.		141.26	13,154.70

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

RECEIPTS

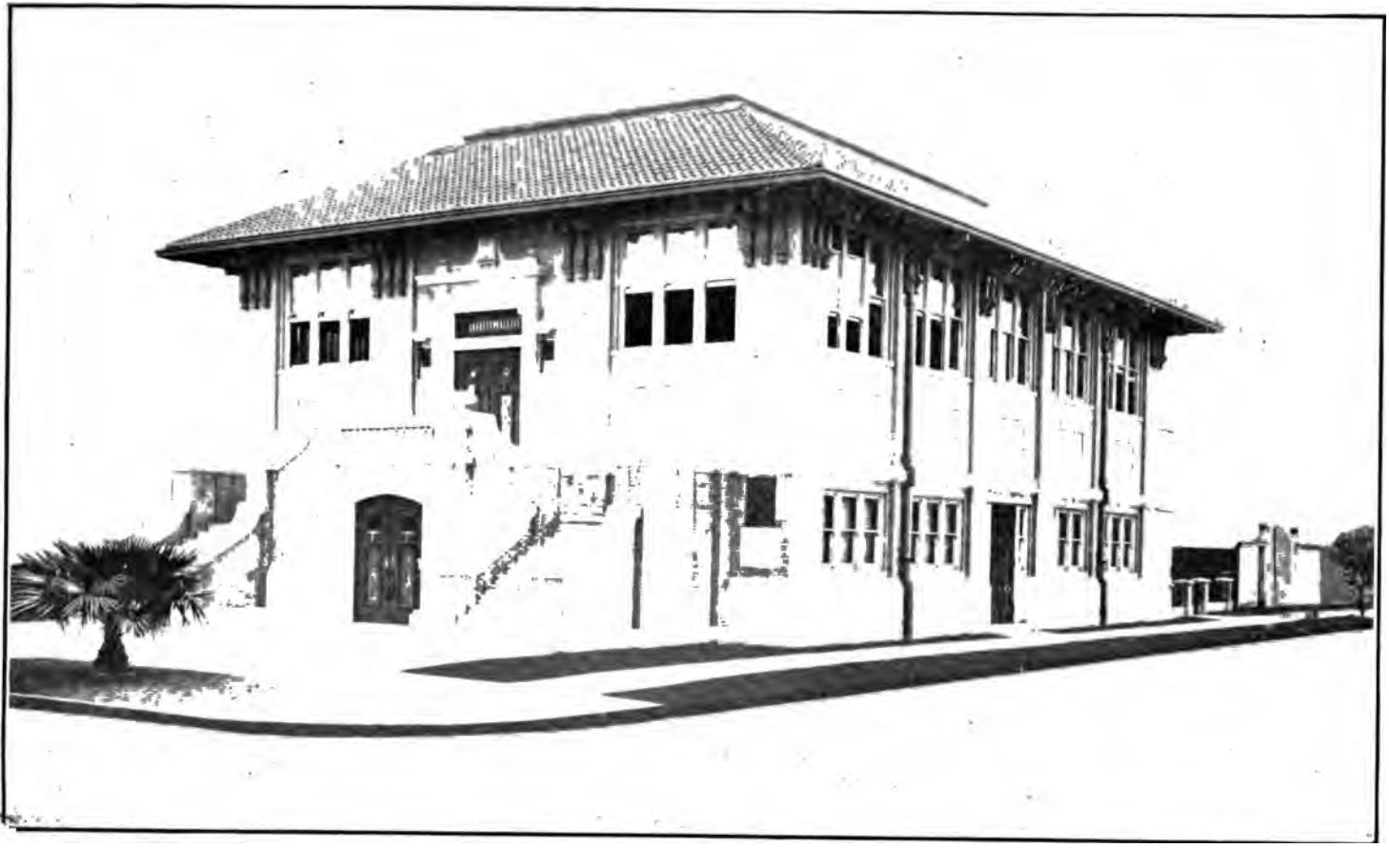
Balance from year 1922	$ 90.66	
From General Fund	9.50	
Board of Liquidation (Interest on Bonds)	1,480.00	$ 1,580.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	1,471.39
Balance in Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	$ 108.77

Respectfully submitted,

MR. S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.



STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED
By the
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1923.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	304

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	156,233	28,446	184,679
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	4,640	5,709	10,349
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	741	105	846
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	1,205	816	2,021
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	160,409	33,444	193.853
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	295,743	104,804	400,547
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	376,922	166,251	543,173

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 8,303.39	Books	$16,227.80
Local taxation (city appropriation)	75,000.00	Periodicals	1,325.50
State grants	None	Binding	3,362.22
Endowment funds	4,480.00	Salaries, Library service	42,524.62
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	8,928.00
Fine and sale of publication	6,284.83	Light (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent imp'vments	None
Other sources	466.39	Other expenses	8,903.00
		Balance on hand	13,263.47
	$94,534.61		$94,534.61

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	10,371
Number of Newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	361
Number of persons using the library for reading and study	109,262

CIRCULATION IN 1923

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Total Circulation, 1923

TABLE No. 1

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home use	242,079	67,033	46,152	88,782	74,403	24,724	543,173
Library use	47,455	15,658	13,601	13,492	19,419	6,039	115,664
Totals	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763	658,837

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches 1910-1923

TABLE No. 2

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188
1923	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1923

TABLE No. 3

1905	99,100	1915	495,504
1906	98,749	1916	517,125
1907	97,316	1917	500,918
1908	245,559	1918	467,967
1909	325,057	1919	477,974
1910	350,746	1920	480,603
1911	400,397	1921	543,074
1912	472,868	1922	625,997
1913	447,403	1923	658,837
1914	488,411		



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 4

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Central Library	96,186	104,715	126,021	134,212	135,877
Royal Branch	31,662	35,200	39,847	41,348	40,637
Algiers Branch	20,090	23,990	28,968	31,014	28,029
Napoleon Branch	39,855	33,190	41,043	51,766	56,980
Canal Branch	32,748	37,019	39,427	44,208	52,272
Dryades Branch	5,704	2,789	3,404	4,340	6,106
Totals	226,245	236,903	278,710	306,888	319,901

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 5

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Central Library	32,377	33,783	30,086	36,067	38,533
Royal Branch	16,025	16,730	17,955	21,279	19,459
Algiers Branch	8,675	12,611	13,663	19,808	16,800
Napoleon Branch	15,530	13,396	14,649	20,425	21,257
Canal Branch	16,272	17,063	16,438	19,734	21,118
Dryades Branch	2,538	2,263	3,068	4,488	7,153
Totals	91,417	95,846	95,859	121,801	124,320

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 6

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Central Library	128,563	138,498	156,107	170,279	174,410
Royal Branch	47,687	51,932	57,802	62,627	60,096
Algiers Branch	28,765	36,601	42,631	50,822	44,829
Napoleon Branch	55,385	46,586	55,692	72,191	78,237
Canal Branch	49,020	54,082	55,865	63,942	73,390
Dryades Branch	8,242	5,052	6,472	8,828	13,259
Totals	317,662	332,751	374,569	428,689	444,221

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 7

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
General Works	6,151	5,345	7,260	8,221	9,327
Philosophy	4,164	3,587	4,646	4,705	4,818
Religion	2,023	1,789	2,514	2,654	2,860
Sociology	7,469	7,805	9,426	11,045	10,862
Philology	1,793	1,556	1,737	1,631	1,759
Natural science	3,490	3,432	3,703	4,334	4,076
Useful arts	8,997	8,548	9,782	11,087	10,296
Fine arts	3,899	4,134	5,060	6,014	6,340
Literature	14,435	13,260	18,028	20,078	21,141
History, travel, biography	16,033	13,930	16,792	18,439	18,370
Totals	68,454	63,386	78,948	88,208	89,849

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1923

TABLE No. 8

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	466	944	1,648	567	46
Philosophy	110	100	556	449	500
Religion	150	102	387	364	495
Sociology	663	258	978	1,066	1,499
Philology	163	36	189	198	331
Natural science	244	153	566	363	889
Useful arts	456	350	994	764	975
Fine arts	427	192	688	418	1,035
Literature	2,050	1,333	3,390	3,268	1,272
History, travel, biography	1,569	756	3,135	2,362	1,288
Totals	6,298	4,224	12,531	9,819	8,330

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 9

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
General works	1,245	1,536	768	1,091	722
Philosophy	32	19	47	59	46
Religion	504	652	412	725	935
Sociology	6,748	6,172	5,432	7,811	8,925
Philology	6	—	—	—	—
Natural science	710	762	969	1,567	2,061
Useful arts	1,581	1,145	1,061	1,326	1,713
Fine arts	1,070	1,123	1,100	1,354	1,947
Literature	2,839	2,469	2,538	3,285	3,972
History, travel, biography	3,660	3,405	2,671	4,155	4,954
Totals	18,125	17,283	14,998	21,373	25,275

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1923

TABLE No. 10

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	0	1,169	347	5	0
Philosophy	23	6	58	67	304
Religion	664	296	462	521	628
Sociology	7,066	4,666	4,372	4,589	2,717
Philology	—	9	1	36	—
Natural science	994	545	1,079	748	901
Useful arts	985	481	975	670	961
Fine arts	1,408	599	845	583	1,151
Literature	2,017	1,353	1,224	1,600	1,212
History, travel, biography	3,140	1,576	2,143	1,794	1,300
Totals	16,297	10,700	11,506	10,613	9,174

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1919-1923

TABLE No. 11

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Central Library	86,579	80,669	93,946	109,581	115,124
Royal Branch	15,792	16,251	16,960	20,029	22,595
Algiers Branch	7,994	9,736	10,724	13,197	14,924
Napoleon Branch	17,576	12,087	14,586	19,169	24,037
Canal Branch	17,696	15,254	16,528	17,972	20,432
Dryades Branch	13,790	13,855	15,761	17,360	17,504
Totals	159,427	147,852	168,505	197,308	214,616

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 12

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
General works	419	294	302	252	322
Philosophy	224	106	112	180	148
Religion	59	76	72	178	221
Sociology	680	513	599	1,608	1,220
Philology	60	69	43	17	14
Natural science	176	154	158	469	358
Useful arts	818	436	519	673	544
Fine arts	210	164	182	434	529
Literature	700	441	534	705	810
Travel	225	97	196	277	403
Biography	207	149	159	459	380
History	662	255	280	459	691
Fiction	3,740	2,984	4,150	6,718	5,455
Totals	8,180	5,739	7,306	12,370	11,195

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Money Received from Fines, 1923

TABLE No. 13

Central Library	$4,076.82
Royal Branch	549.34
Algiers Branch	369.95
Napoleon Branch	573.48
Canal Branch	590.61
Dryades Branch	124.63
Total	$6,284.83

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1919-1923

TABLE No. 14

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	Total
Week Days—						
Reference and reading rooms	40,017	41,265	49,267	55,678	52,349	238,576
Newspaper room	44,874	48,827	44,317	45,219	51,369	225,806
Sundays—						
Reference and reading rooms	2,810	2,492	2,604	2,613	2,609	13,128
Newspaper room	3,025	3,049	3,826	2,812	2,935	14,847
Totals	89,926	87,633	99,214	106,322	109,262	492,357

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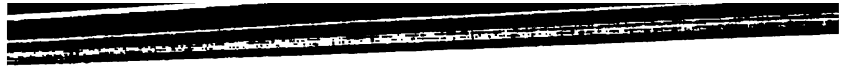
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MAIN LIBRARY



New Orleans, La., February 13, 1925.

To the Hon. Andrew J. McShane, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

The very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernshein Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the city of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

The Board of Directors are all in full accord in the propogation and advancement of the interests of the public library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

After reviewing the amount of book distribution in the city of New Orleans and the growing population, the Directors see the necessity in the near future of having the co-operation of the City Government in establishing a branch library in the Carrollton section of the city, and they earnestly appeal to the City Government to aid them in their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,
President.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1924

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen:—

The New Orleans Public Library completed in 1924 its twenty-ninth year under its present name and the eighty-first year of its entire existence. The Library was founded by the gift of Abijah Fisk in 1843. The first important addition to the library came through the purchase of six thousand books by Alvarez Fisk in 1847. Its growth was steady but slow until, through its consolidation with the Mechanics Institute Library and the Lyceum Library, it provided in 1896 for the readers of our city some thirty thousand volumes. in 1896 it was reorganized and received its present name. Through the donations of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, six buildings have been erected upon sites donated by the city, and to-day a large Main Library and five moderate sized branches serve the needs of our community. There is a pressing need for three additional branches; a particularly urgent need for one in the upper part of the city, popularly known as Carrollton.

In the section, from the river to Palm Street and between Exposition Boulevard and Hamilton Street, there is a population of 35,000 and a school attendance of 10,993. No part of this area is nearer than three miles to a Branch Library and five miles to the Main Library.

The number of books in our present collection includes 204,522 volumes; of this number 129,746 are at the Main Library; 16,780 at the Royal Branch; 15,858 at the Algiers Branch; 16,503 at the Napoleon Branch; 15,636 at the Canal Branch; and 10,079 at the Dryades (Colored Branch). We added to our collection during the year 14,906 volumes, from this should be deducted 4,237 discards, leaving a net gain of 10,669 volumes.

The number of those who read in our several reading rooms was 118,553. The number of borrowers withdrawing books is 32,000.

The circulation for the year was 733,828. This is an increase of 75,000 over the circulation of 1923 and an increase of nearly 108,000 over the circulation of 1922. These increases have been constant for a considerable number of years and is gradually making ours one of the large libraries of the country.

The growth of our Library has extended its service to such a large number of additional borrowers and readers and has brought and is bringing increased demands daily upon us for more intellectual and scholarly work. As so few of our employees have had the advantage of college education and library training, we must shortly make provisions for library instruction for a reasonable number of our staff.

The growth of our Library is naturally a source of pride to me. When I was appointed Librarian the circulation of the Library was about 90,000. Its present circulation is 733,828, a very substantial proof that earnest and conscientious efforts on the part of the Librarian, assisted at all times by his corps of workers, have produced substantial results and made the Library a powerful factor in aiding in the education of the community.

Each year this increased service to the public with its necessarily attendant increase of expenses makes it more and more difficult to continue our work on the small amount appropriated for our maintenance. This amount is considerably less than one-half the per capita appropriated for maintenance in the larger cities of the South and less than one-third the per capita appropriations of most of the cities in the East and West.

We have continued our practice of striving to reach the employees of mills, factories and business houses.

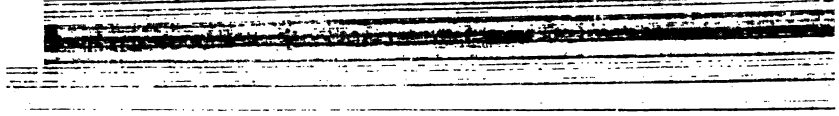
As usual a very large part of our work has been in cooperation with the public schools and other schools and colleges of the city.

Children's Book Week that has each year been a successful undertaking was this year on a bigger scale and more successful than it has been in the past. About one hundred and fifty volunteer lecturers and story tellers participated in our program. By actual count thirty-five thousand boys and girls visited the Main Library and the Branches during the periods



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of story telling and lectures. Our exhibits of juvenile books included a very large number of handsome editions, most of these books were loaned us by the department stores and book stores of the city.

Our buildings are in very good condition with the exception that the roof of the Dryades Branch must be repaired, and the woodwork, both exterior and interior, of the Main Library must be painted and varnished.

During the year the vacancy on the Board was filled by the appointment of Mr. Samuel A. Trufant.

The staff was increased by the additions to its number of Miss Isabelle Burns, Miss Mildred Guthrie, Mrs. Hazel Pope, and Miss Estelle Pitot. There was but one resignation from the staff, that of Miss May Reynolds, who left on account of her approaching marriage.

Mr. P. F. Davis, President of the Federal Land Bank, gave to the Library forty bound volumes of the Times-Democrat, Jan. 1888 to December, 1906. This was the most valuable gift of the year.

MAIN LIBRARY

Circulating Department (Adult)

This department has a larger force of workers than any other department in the Library and with the constant increase in circulation it will soon be necessary to make additions to this group.

As our entire collection of books is open to the public for free access an unusual amount of time in personal service is required. To offset the disadvantage of this condition, we are brought into very close contact with our borrowers and are enabled to know very accurately the wishes of the public. This is an especial advantage in dealing with the students of the various schools and several colleges of the city who constitute a very considerable part of our borrowers.

Again this year a large number of students from the different schools and particularly from the Normal School come to this department for instruction in the use of the Library. When these students came in considerable number, they were instructed through lectures by the Librarian.

The usual lists were prepared and exhibits of books made throughout the year. The more successful of these were:

"The Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, and the Value of Good Citizenship" (an essay contest conducted by the local newspapers); "Books in Moving Pictures, 1923-1924"; "Opera"; "Sea Stories"; "Lentern Reading"; "Around the World in Books"; "Mothers' Day"; "Better Homes"; "Through the United States in Fiction"; "Famous Living People"; "Astronomy"; Electric Lighting and the Eye Sight"; "Recent Business Books"; "Recent Drama"; "Candy Making"; "Women of the United States"; Festivals of the Year".

The head of the Stack Department reports that while throughout a large part of the country a strongly organized movement has been instituted for the education of adults that, without any organized effort to effect it, there is decided evidence that our adult readers are far more than ever appreciating the opportunity for study and the more or less systematic educational facilities furnished by the Library. This feature of library life and opportunity stands out strongly in the records of our work during the year.

Circulating Department (Juvenile)

This year the Juvenile Department completed a careful tabulation of circulation for the past two years, determining with absolute accuracy those authors and subjects which are most popular. This furnishes the best possible guide for the purchase of books during the coming year.

Special reading lists and special displays of books have been frequently prepared throughout the year. Some of these have been printed and liberally distributed with fairly good results.

There are now 4,554 boys and girls withdrawing books from this department. The number of books in this collection has been silghtly increased, the total number being 13,640. Our work with the schools has increased to such an extent that occasionally every book in the first three or four grades is in circulation. The circulation for the year was 77,361; an increase of 13, 553 over the year 1923, and an increase of 19,-921 over the year 1922.

The two most popular exhibits of the year were Archery and Boy Scouts. The Archery exhibit included various styles of long bows, arrows and quivers, all in different stages of manufacture, and various forms of targets, specimens of wild game, etc., showing the comparative accuracy and deadliness of the rifle and the bow. The Boy Scout exhibit was believed to be a complete assembly of every article intimately connected with scouts and scouting. The exceptional success of Children's Book Week has been previously referred to in this report. Many of the children still continue to spend their reading hour in the Library instead of the schools. The students of the Normal School gave for the benefit of the young people a book play, the main purpose of which was to have the children guess from the costumes and recitation of the performers the authors and titles of the books represented. This brought on a very spirited contest between the different schools. One of the most interesting exhibits of the year was a reasonably complete display of the insects and butterflies of southern Louisiana. This display was made by the students of the Normal School.

During the summer months there was story telling each day at the Main Library or one of the Branches.

Of all of the departments of the Library this department stands out conspicuously for its enterprise and progress.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The Reference Department, in common with the Circulating Department, shows a decided increase in the number of adult readers seeking educational advancement. Unfortunately, we have not had this year as many High School, Normal and College students as we usually have.

There has been few subjects markly prominent in popularity this year, perhaps the greatest call has been made for books on foreign commerce, business statistics, and general economics.

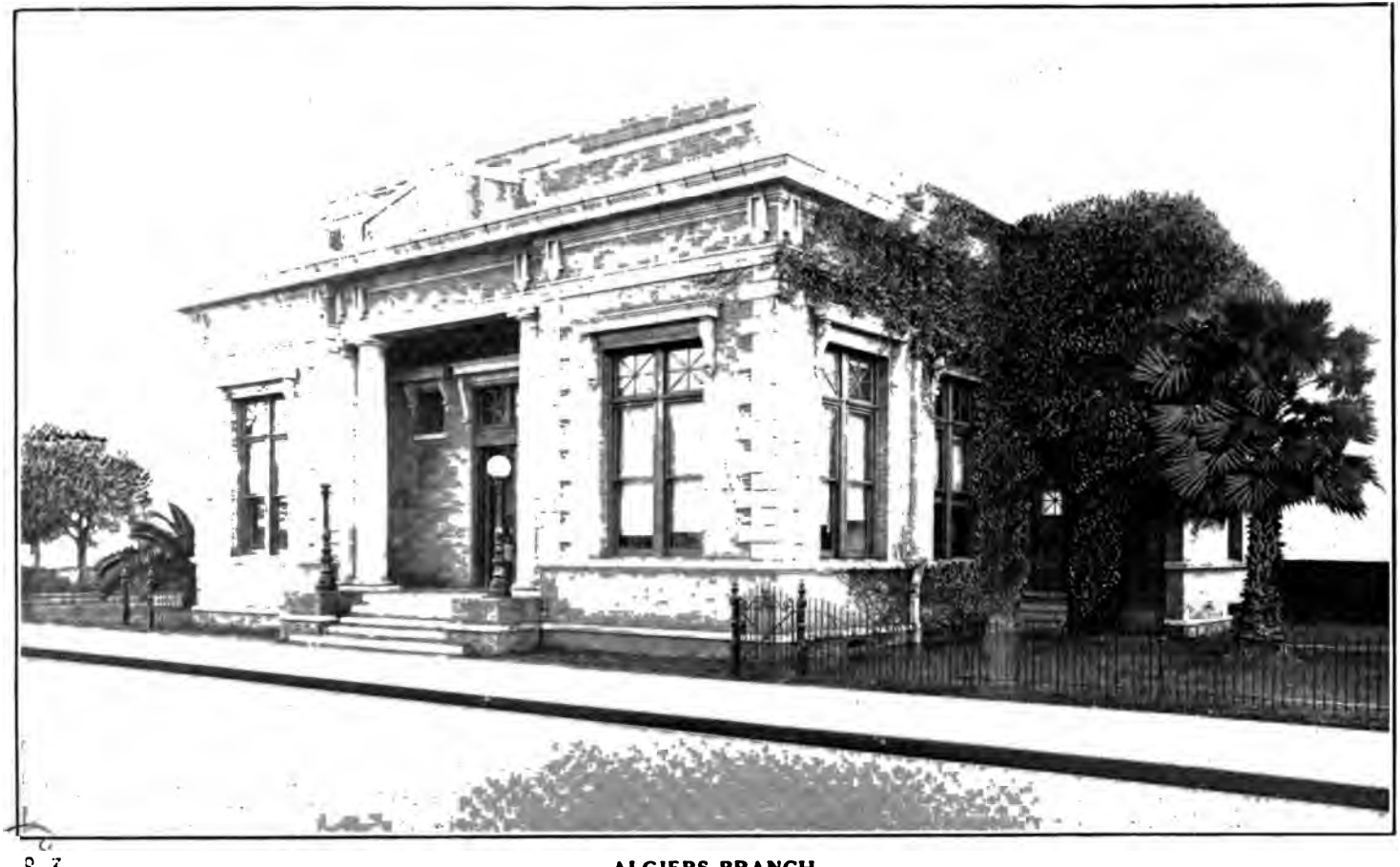
The number of readers in this department was 33,014. The number of books in the reference collection is 14,621; of this number 6,730 are bound magazines. The principal additions to the reference collection were:

"Americana Encyclopedia, 30 Vols., latest ed."; "Blue Book of Southern Progress"; "Fuller's Child Labor and the Constitution"; "Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Division of International Law—Monroe Doctrine, 1924"; "Birdseye's Encyclopedia of General Business and Legal Forms"; "Ward's and Gooch's Cambridge History of British Foreign Policy, 1783-1919, 3 Vols."; "Marr's Acts Passed by General Assembly of Louisiana at Regular Session Held in Baton Rouge, May 8, 1922"; "Soule's Naval Terms and Definitions, 2d rev. ed."; "Gomme's Handbook of Folklore"; "Thomas Register of American Manufacturers, 1924-25, 15th ed."; "Orpen's Outline of Art, 1923, 2 Vols."; "Rogers' English Furniture"; "Pratt's New Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians"; "Lawson's World's Best Epigrams"; "Garnett's English Literature, 4 Vols"; "Hooper's These Eventful Years, 2 Vols"; "Terry's Guide to Mexico"; "Ackermann's Popular Falacies, 3d ed."; "Armstrong's Chemistry in the 20th Century"; "Zimmer's Popular Dictionary of Botanic Names and Terms, 2d ed."; "Robb's Patent Essentials for the Executive, Engineer, Lawyer and Inventor"; "Dorland's American Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 12th ed., rev. and enl."; "Kent's Mechanical Engineer's Handbook, 10th ed."; "Hardy's Colonial Families of the Southern States"; "Cole's Heraldry and Floral Forms as Used in Decoration"; "Turner's Europe"; "Crowell's and Wilson's How America Went to War, 6 Vols."; "Barnard's Mediaeval England"; "Tracy's Tercentenary History of Canada, 3 Vols."; "Hart's American Nation"; "Osgood's American Colonies in the 18th Century"; "Kendall's History of New Orleans, 3 Vols".

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

The Cataloging Department does the work of accessioning, classification, cataloging, preparing for the shelves, discarding, preparing for binding and rebinding for the Main Library and all Branches. It also has charge of the transfers of all books and the lending of all books between one Branch and another and the Main Library and Branches, and the keeping of all records required for all of these library processes.

It has been necessary this year to frequently call on this department to replace absentees. The force is, for this reason, sometimes for a week at a time reduced to one-half its proper number, and its work seriously interferred with .



ALGIERS BRANCH

During the year 14,906 books were accessioned. Of this number 776 were gifts. The number of books withdrawn this year for discards was 4,237. An average of 1,563 books was added to each of the four white Branches and 767 to the Colored Branch. The Branches, therefore, received of the annual additions 7,019 books and the Main Library, 7,887. This allotment allowed more books to the Branches in proportion to circulation than the Main Library received.

DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT

United States, State and Local

The United States Document Department constitutes a very valuable part of our library collection. It contains 11,335 bound volumes and 28,028 pamphlets. The additions to the collection this year numbered 200 bound volumes and 2,923 pamphlets. The number of calls for documents was 2,850. We have estimated from year to year that the use of the Patent Gazette alone saves to the citizens of New Orleans $5,000.00 annually. The other calls are almost invariably of important nature. The largest number of calls was for the documents of the Commerce Department.

Our State Document collection had few additions, four bound volumes and fourteen pamphlets.

The additions to the New Orleans City Document collection was even smaller, one bound volume and four pamphlets.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The Library received 321 magazines, exclusive of United States, State, and Municipal Documents. Of this number 104 are gifts. The number of newspapers received is 38. Of this number 13 are gifts.

The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 61,793, nearly all of whom were men. The number of readers in the Magazine Room was 23,746, here also nearly all of the readers were men.

BINDING AND MENDING DEPARTMENT

Some 4,319 books were sent to the binders for rebinding. About 400 more were bound from sheets and a large

number of the newly purchased books were resewed, reinforced, and recased before delivery.

Improvements in our method of work in the Mending Department permits us to return many books recased, cleaned, and mended to the shelves and ready for circulation in one day. No books sent to this department are kept over three days. This promptness of return to the shelves offsets the slight increased cost over the cost of books sent to the binders. An especial effort has been made this year to make our book shelves more presentable and to put our books, in general, in better condition. In addition to the books sent to the binders our Mending Department recased 5,630 books, of this number 1,578 were completely resewed with the overcast or whipped stitch; 7,139 books were mended; and 20,000 were disinfected.

Our city schools provide most of the pupils with free text books. As there is no provision for the repair of these books, the schools have eagerly sought instruction from the Library in cleaning, mending, and rebinding of books. Many large classes have been for this purpose instructed through the year by our Mending Department.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is issued for three years. There is a Juvenile Card, an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile Card two books can be withdrawn; on the Adult Branch Card, three, on the Adult Main Library Card, five, and on the Deposit Card, one. There are now in force 32,000 cards of all character, of this number 11,691 were issued in 1924, 3,536 Juvenile and 8,155 adult.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographer, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspondence of the Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 14,135 pieces of signed mail.

STAFF (Main Library and Branches)

Owing to the circumstances under which our employees come to us without any previous library training, our work has always been done with the greatest difficulty. If the members of the staff begin their service doubly handicapped through lack of sufficient systematic school training, it will be impossible for us to attain the usual standard of work maintained in other libraries. I would recommend, therefore, that in making future appointments, the Board raise its standard and require that the appointee shall have more educational preparation than the present requirement of a high school education.

Under Act No. 89,, 1900, of the State Legislature all appointments to the staff of the New Orleans Public Library shall be made from eligible lists certified to the Library Board by the Civil Service Commission of the city of New Orleans. During the past year the Commission has held no competitive examinations, it has, therefore, furnished no eligible list to the Library Board. The Commission has, instead, instructed the Board to make its own appointments. Under this authority the Board has appointed to the staff the following ladies:— Miss Isabelle Burns, Miss Mildred Guthrie, Mrs. Hazel Pope, and Miss Estelle Pitot.

Miss Quaid, the Assistant in Charge of the Canal Branch, who had been absent, on account of illness, from her duties for nearly two years returned to work in September. Miss Guillot, of the Algiers Branch, on account of illness in her home was away for two months.

The only resignation from the staff received during the year was that of Miss May Reynolds.

BRANCHES

The combined circulation of the Branches was 402,992. The Napoleon Branch continues to show the greatest increase, its circulation for the year was 122,297. The circulation for the Royal Branch was 84,474; Algiers Branch 61,591; Canal Branch 103,331; Dryades Branch 31,299.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books from the Branches is 18,984, and the number of books in the five Branches is 74,776.

As all of the technical library work is done for the Branches at the Main Library, considerable time is given to the Branch Staff for work through personal contact with their borrowers and for visits to schools and other organized groups of people in the neighborhood of the Library. To a great extent, therefore, the increase or decrease of circulation in each Branch is due to the enterprise or lack of enterprise of the staff conducting that Library.

As the Library has not sufficient means to operate a delivery system between the Main Library and the Branches, each borrower is permitted in addition to his Branch Card to have a card at the Main Library and, in this manner, he can obtain books that are in the Main Library and that would not be placed in the Branches because of infrequent use.

I again recommend to the Board the occasional transfer of the Branch Staff to the Main Library as a means of preventing stagnation and of refreshing the minds of the Branch Staff employees with library technology and administration.

HOLIDAYS

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The Library is closed from 5 p. m. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 a. m. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 m. to December 26th, 9 a. m.; December 31st, from 12 m. to January 2nd, 9 a. m., and 5 p. m. the evening of Momus Parade.

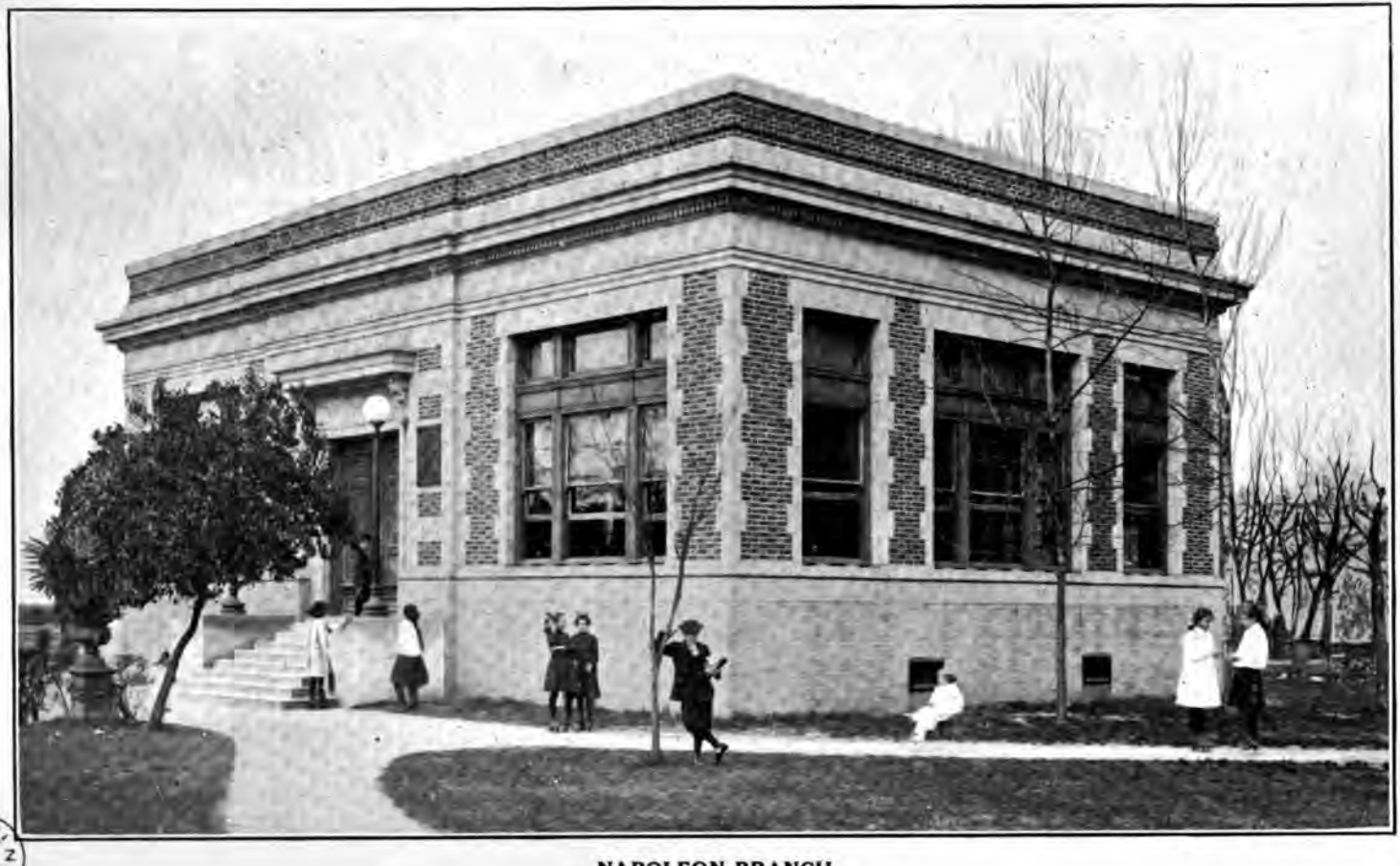
A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff and to the pages who have worked in the Library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence up to twelve are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for their cooperation in the development of the Library. I wish also to thank the staff of the Library for their attitude of loyalty and devotion to their work.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year, 1924.

HENRY M. GILL,

February 11, 1925. Librarian.



NAPOLEON BRANCH



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1924

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1923		$ 13,154.70
City of N. O. Appropriation	$ 75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Balance (Marine Bank)	113.41	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous, Sale Waste Paper, etc.	81.67	
Investments Interest on Bonds	240.00	
Fines Main Library	4,610.49	
Fines Royal Branch	589.34	
Fines Algiers Branch	346.92	
Fines Napoleon Branch	402.07	
Fines Canal Branch	575.51	
Fines Dryades Branch	90.02	85,049.43
		98,204.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—Purchase of 13 $1,000.00 Bonds City of N. O. Constitutional	12,376.67	

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$ 17,586.28	
Periodicals	1,344.58	
Binding	1,566.62	
General Expenses	4,728.50	
Heating	390.90	
Printing and Sationery	839.56	
Salaries	36,739.95	63,196.39

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expenses	473.85	
Printing and Stationery	99.18	
Heating	76.50	
Binding	671.11	
Salaries	3,295.00	4,615.64

ALGIERS BRANCH

General Expenses	205.00	
Printing and Stationery	100.08	
Heating	13.60	
Binding	584.03	
Contingent Expenses	58.00	
Salaries	3,269.40	4,230.11
Amounts Carried Forward	84,418.81	98,204.13

Amounts Brought Forward		84,418.81	98,204.13

NAPOLEON BRANCH

General Expenses	159.65	
Printing and Stationery	170.00	
Heating	14.80	
Binding	630.81	
Salaries	3,372.50	4,347.76

CANAL BRANCH

General Expenses	283.36	
Printing and Stationery	99.83	
Binding	526.36	
Contingent Expenses	100.00	
Salaries	3,177.35	4,186.90

DRYADES BRANCH

General Expenses	111.41		
Printing and Stationery	99.08		
Heating	21.60		
Binding	14.00		
Salaries	2,914.75	3,160.84	96,114.31
Balance			2,089.82
Balance in Banks			
Marine Bank & Trust Co.		1,973.10	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.		116.72	2,089.82

SIMON HERNSHEIN FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1923	$ 108.77	
Interest Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00	1,588.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	1,469.44
Balance in Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	$ 119.33

Respectfully Submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED
By the
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1924.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans, State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	304

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	160,409	33,444	193,853
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	9,173	4,957	14,130
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	744	32	776
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,881	1,356	4,237
Total number at end of year (count bound books only)	167,445	37,077	204,522
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	343,736	111,489	455,225
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	425,063	185,665	610,728

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$13,263.47	Books	$19,055.72
Local taxation (city appropriation)	75,000.00	Periodicals	1,344.58
State grants	None	Binding	3,992.93
Endowment funds	4,480.00	Salaries, Library service	43,672.95
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,096.00
Fine and sale of publication	6,614.35	Light (Included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent investment	12,376.67
Other sources	435.08	Other expenses	8,044.90
		Balance on hand	2,209.15
	$99,792.90		$99,792.90

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	11,691
Number of Newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	359
Number of persons using the library for reading and study	118,553

CIRCULATION IN 1924

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Total Circulation, 1924

TABLE 1.

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home use	280,075	67,681	48,881	107,291	81,730	25,070	610,728
Library use	50,761	16,793	12,710	15,006	21,601	6,229	123,100
Totals	330,836	84,474	61,591	122,297	103,331	31,299	733,828

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches

1910-1924

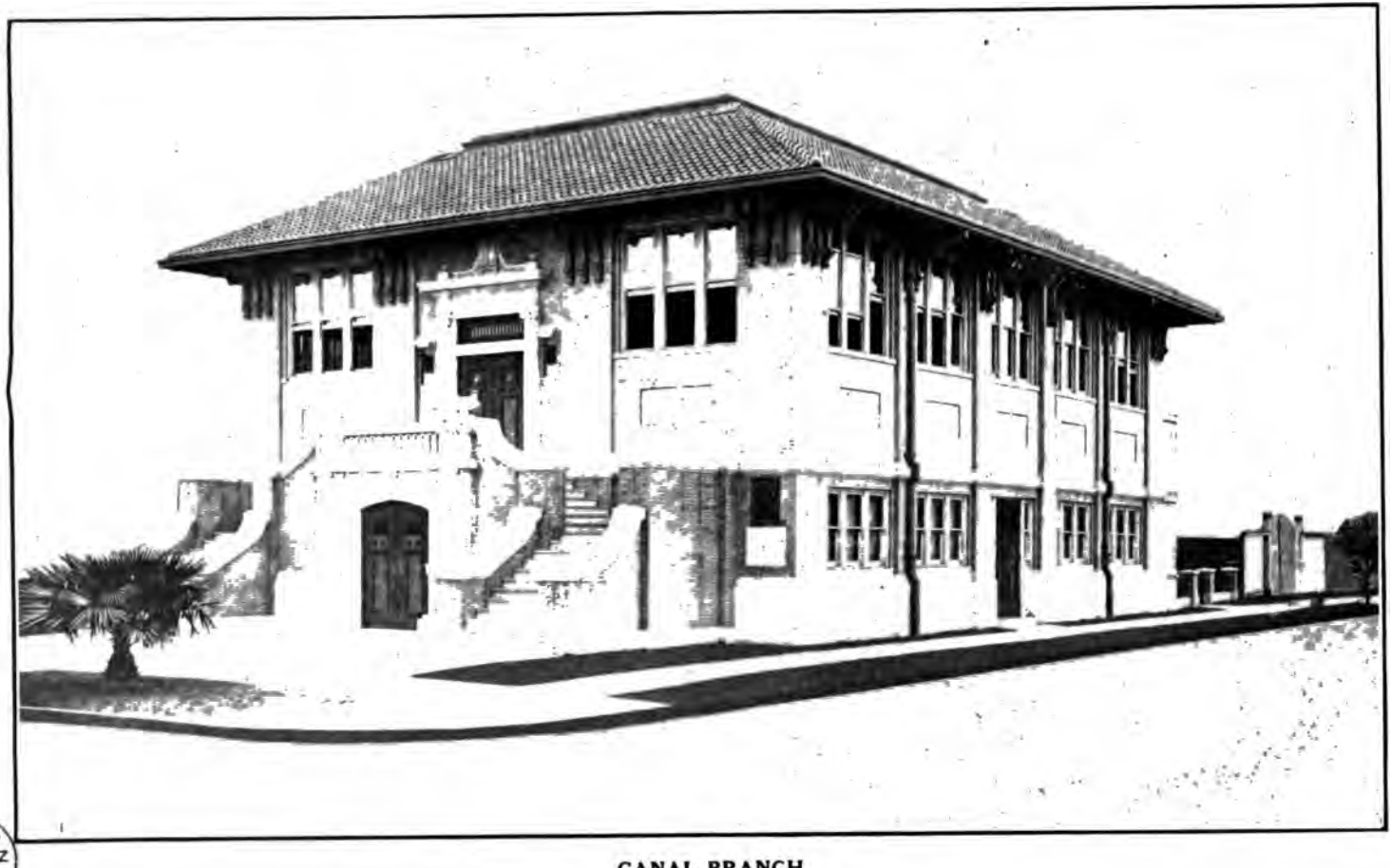
TABLE 2.

	Main Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188
1923	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763
1924	330,836	84,474	61,591	122,297	103,331	31,299

Total Annual Circulation, 1905—1924

TABLE 3

1905	99,100	1915	495,504
1906	98,749	1916	517,125
1907	97,316	1917	500,918
1908	245,559	1918	467,967
1909	325,057	1919	477,974
1910	350,746	1920	480,603
1911	400,397	1921	543,074
1912	472,868	1922	625,997
1913	447,403	1923	658,837
1914	488,411	1924	733,828



CANAL BRANCH

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1920—1924

TABLE 4.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Central Library	104,715	126,021	134,212	135,877	157,698
Royal Branch	35,200	39,847	41,348	40,637	41,946
Algiers Branch	23,990	28,968	31,014	28,029	29,895
Napoleon Branch	33,190	41,043	51,766	56,980	71,894
Canal Branch	37,019	39,427	44,208	52,272	57,185
Dryades Branch	2,789	3,404	4,340	6,106	6,529
Totals	236,903	278,710	306,888	319,901	365,147

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1920—1924

TABLE 5.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Central Library	33,783	30,086	36,067	38,533	43,111
Royal Branch	16,730	17,955	21,279	19,459	20,162
Algiers Branch	12,611	13,663	19,808	16,800	17,188
Napoleon Branch	13,396	14,649	20,425	21,257	21,415
Canal Branch	17,063	16,438	19,734	21,118	22,766
Dryades Branch	2,263	3,068	4,488	7,153	7,507
Totals	95,846	95,859	121,801	124,320	132,149

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Braches 1920—1924

TABLE 6.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Central Library	138,498	156,107	170,279	174,410	200,809
Royal Branch	51,932	57,802	62,627	60,096	62,108
Algiers Branch	36,601	42,631	50,822	44,829	47,083
Napoleon Branch	46,586	55,692	72,191	78,237	93,309
Canal Branch	54,082	55,865	63,942	73,390	79,951
Dryades Branch	5,052	6,472	8,828	13,259	14,036
Totals	332,751	374,569	428,689	444,221	497,296

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library

1920—1924

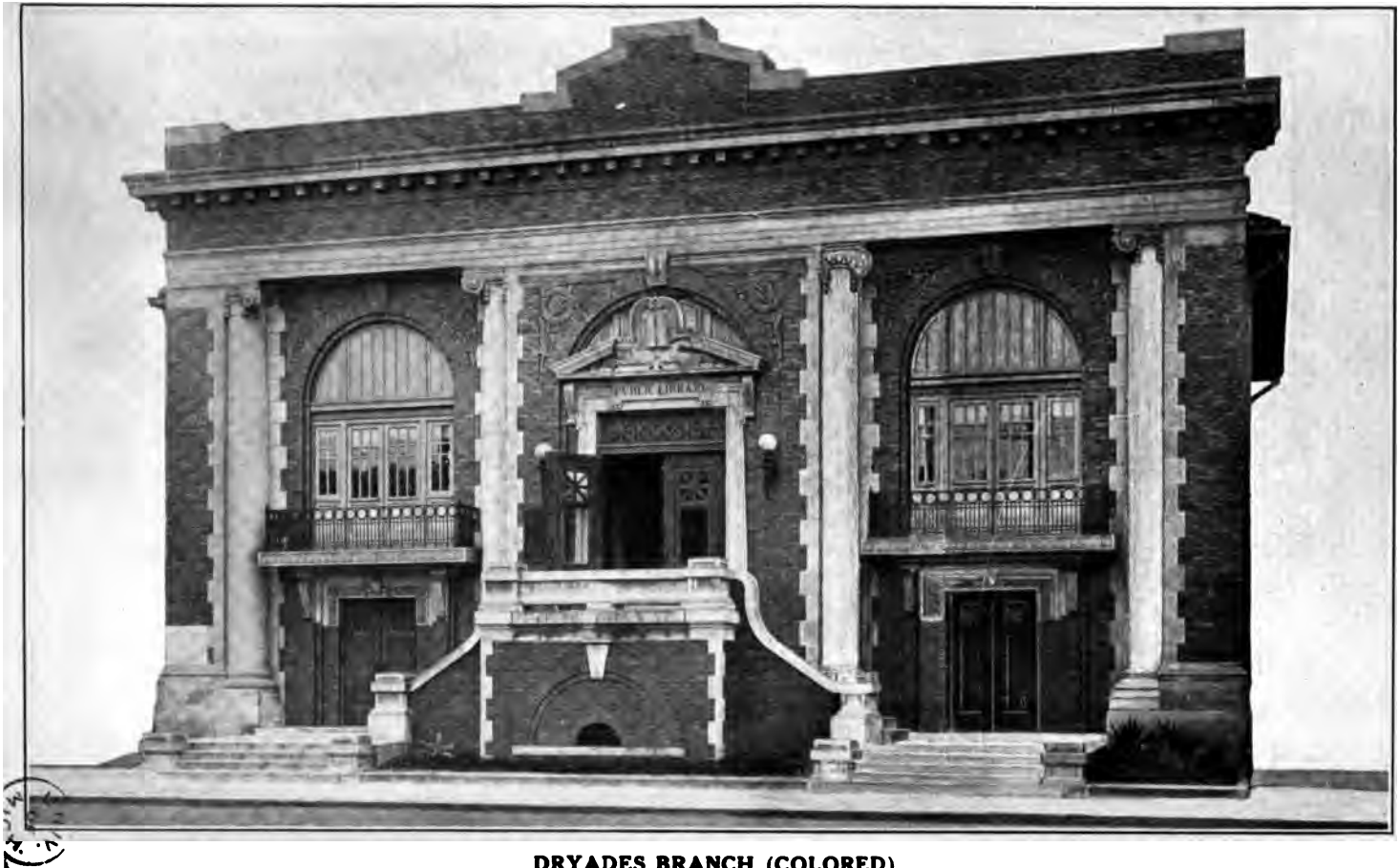
TABLE 7.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
General Works	5,345	7,260	8,221	9,327	9,623
Philosophy	3,587	4,646	4,705	4,818	5,180
Religion	1,789	2,514	2,654	2,860	3,656
Sociology	7,805	9,426	11,045	10,862	11,924
Philology	1,556	1,737	1,631	1,759	1,801
Natural science	3,432	3,703	4,334	4,076	4,719
Useful arts	8,548	9,782	11,087	10,296	10,360
Fine arts	4,134	5,060	6,014	6,340	6,792
Literature	13,260	18,028	20,078	21,141	20,555
History, travel, biography	13,930	16,792	18,439	18,370	21,167
Totals	63,386	78,948	88,208	89,849	95,777

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1924

TABLE 8.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	505	411	1,593	1,087	43
Philosophy	123	153	835	437	614
Religion	198	123	429	626	370
Sociology	563	301	1,529	1,427	1,367
Philology	92	52	635	192	307
Natural science	277	164	829	379	887
Useful arts	388	256	1,134	800	999
Fine arts	384	267	861	552	916
Literature	1,845	1,047	3,492	3,078	1,193
History, travel, biography	1,661	870	3,307	2,288	1,244
Totals	6,036	3,644	14,644	10,866	7,940



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library 1920—1924

TABLE 9.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
General works	1,536	768	1,091	722	913
Philosophy	19	47	59	46	103
Religion	652	412	725	935	890
Sociology	6,172	5,432	7,811	8,925	11,018
Philology					
Natural science	762	969	1,567	2,061	2,672
Useful arts	1,145	1,061	1,326	1,713	2,126
Fine arts	1,123	1,100	1,354	1,947	2,582
Literature	2,469	2,538	3,285	3,972	7,192
History, travel, biography	3,405	2,671	4,155	4,954	6,754
Totals	17,283	14,998	21,373	25,275	34,250

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1924

TABLE 10.

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	0	610	486	9	0
Philosophy	8	38	185	69	367
Religion	426	287	390	847	660
Sociology	7,686	4,426	5,490	5,963	3,105
Philology		2		31	
Natural science	1,057	695	1,854	606	758
Useful arts	728	502	1,336	686	883
Fine arts	1,338	727	1,016	612	897
Literature	2,423	1,633	1,438	1,795	1,275
History, travel, biography	2,664	1,944	2,149	1,896	1,378
Totals	16,330	10,864	14,344	12,514	9,323

Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1920—1924

TABLE 11.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Central Library	80,669	93,946	109,581	115,124	130,027
Royal Branch	16,251	16,960	20,029	22,595	22,366
Algiers Branch	9,736	10,724	13,197	14,924	14,508
Napoleon Branch	12,087	14,586	19,169	24,037	28,988
Canal Branch	15,254	16,528	17,972	20,432	23,380
Dryades Branch	13,855	15,761	17,360	17,504	17,263
Totals	147,852	168,505	197,308	214,616	236,532

Classification of Books, Accessioned, 1920—1924

TABLE 12.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
General works	294	302	252	322	493
Philosophy	106	112	180	148	192
Religion	76	72	178	221	160
Sociology	513	599	1,608	1,220	1,227
Philology	69	43	17	14	107
Natural science	154	158	469	358	514
Useful arts	436	519	673	544	525
Fine arts	164	182	434	529	492
Literature	441	534	705	810	1,366
Travel	97	196	277	403	267
Biography	149	159	459	380	442
History	255	280	459	691	452
Fiction	2,984	4,150	6,718	5,455	8,669
Totals	5,739	7,306	12,370	11,195	14,906

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Money Received From Fines, 1924

TABLE 13.

Central Library	$4,610.49
Royal Branch	589.34
Algiers Branch	346.92
Napoleon Branch	402.07
Canal Branch	575.51
Dryades Branch	90.02
Total	$6,614.35

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1920—1924

1920—1924

TABLE 14.

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	Total
Week Days—						
Reference and Reading Rooms	41,265	49,267	55,678	52,349	53,996	252,555
Newspaper Room	40,827	44,317	45,219	51,369	58,457	240,189
Sundays—						
Reference and Reading Rooms	2,492	2,604	2,613	2,609	2,764	13,082
Newspaper Room	3,049	3,026	2,812	2,935	3,336	15,158
Totals	87,633	99,214	106,322	109,262	118,553	520,984

ANNUAL REPORT

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Miss Irene Guillot, Assistant.
Edward Richards, Janitor.

Napoleon Branch.

Miss Mary L. Power, Assistant in Charge.
Miss Martha Patrick, Assistant.
Edward Begue, Janitor.

Canal Branch.

Miss Nano L. Quaid, Assistant in Charge.
Miss Genevieve Guirovich, Assistant.
***Love Adams, Janitor.
Adolph J. Rehage, Janitor.

Dryades Branch—(Colored).

Anita L. Johnson, Assistant in Charge.
Dora Guichard, Assistant.
E. S. Swann, Janitor.

* Promoted during the year to Staff.
** Resigned.
*** Deceased.



MAIN LIBRARY

New Orleans, La., February 10th, 1926.

To the Hon. Arthur J. O'Keefe, Acting Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

The very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library and Simon Hernsheim Library is submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, the good that it is doing and what can be done for the benefit of the people of the city of New Orleans.

These reports, after careful perusal, I am sure will be a source of gratification to the administration.

The Board of Directors are all in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the public library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

After reviewing the amount of book distribution in the city of New Orleans and the growing population, the Directors see the necessity in the near future of having the co-operation of the City Government in establishing a branch library in the Carrollton section of the city, and they earnestly appeal to the City Government to aid them in their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. DeGRANGE,

President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library.

Gentlemen:

For the last thirty years our library, which is one of the oldest circulating libraries of the country, after having repeatedly changed its name has operated under its present title.

It has been a good year for the library in many ways. It is my pleasure to report that all of the six buildings are in good condition, that the circulation of the library increased during the year about one hundred thousand, and that the demand for books in our city which covers such immense territory must soon induce the city to provide us with at least one branch to take care of the needs of the upper part of our city, where a population of more than forty thousand people must obtain their service from an already overtaxed branch, three miles away, or seek service at the Main Library, five miles distant.

Our library now includes a collection of 213,517 books. Of this number 135,240 are in the Main Library, about 16,000 or slightly more in each of the white branches, and 10,570 in the colored branch.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books from the library is 34,637, and the number of those who read in our several reading rooms was 182,614.

If our growth continues for the next two years at the same rate as the past two, our circulation will reach the million mark. In spite, however, of the splendid growth of our library and the increasing demands made upon its resources, the amount of our appropriation has remained fixed, which compels us to operate on the most economical methods and frequently to demand more in service of our employees than we have a right to ask; some as usual assuming larger burdens than is their fair share.

It is plainly manifest that the city will soon realize its appropriation of $75,000.00 is not sufficient for the maintenance of our libraries. The following tables will illustrate vividly the handicap under which we are operating:

	Population 1920	Expenditures 1923 or 1924	Per Capita Expenditures
Newark	414,524	$451,975.35	$1.10
Cincinnati	401,247	455,109.11	1.10
New Orleans	387,219	85,207.08	.22
Minneapolis	380,582	394,711.51	1.30
Kansas City	324,410	228,721.69	.70
Seattle	315,312	273,432.08	.87
Indianapolis	314,194	298,713.59	.95
Jersey City	298,103	249,704.44	.85

Southern Cities of 200,000 or Over

New Orleans	387,219	$ 85,207.08
Louisville	234,891	160,211.09
Atlanta	200,616	93,834.68

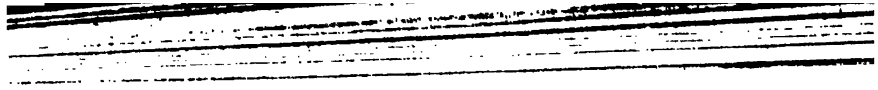
The average library expenditures of all cities in the United States with a population of two hundred thousand or more is sixty-six and a half cents per capita. The appropriation for the New Orleans Public Library by the city is nineteen and a third cents per capita.

Children's Book Week which has always been a successful event with us, was this year even more satisfactory than usual. This year our work was better systematized and we handled larger crowds with less than usual efforts. The story tellers and lecturers to the number of one hundred and thirty-four entertained and instructed during this eventful week more than thirty thousand boys and girls. We can trace no less than two thousand additional juvenile readers to the inspiration of this week's work. Such wholesale addition of readers and the great increase of work with the schools makes us feel painfully the need of money. Our inability to advertise the library and bring its opportunities to the notice of a large part of the community that has failed to take advantage of the library also makes us feel bitterly the inadequacy of the amount allotted us for maintenance.

A particularly gratifying feature of our work this year is the increase in contact with the commercial offices and with the skilled craftsmen of our community.



ROYAL BRANCH



At the close of the year the Cataloging Department began the preparations for the great task of recataloging our library. In the making of our final catalog, we propose to use the Library of Congress catalog cards.

Our Board has remained intact during the year.

MAIN LIBRARY

Circulating Department (Adult)

The open stack system which includes all of the books in our Circulating Department substantially increases the cost of operation and requires a comparatively large corps of workers. It is undoubtedly, however, the system which best pleases our readers.

This year several new plans were tried out for conducting the work in this department, especially in conjunction with the schools.

Apart from the general increase in all forms of work in this department, there were no outstanding features in the year's activities.

The most successful reading lists of the year were:

"Books in Moving Pictures"; "The Constitution and Its Makers"; "Fish and Fishing"; "Evolution"; "Louisiana Stories"; "The Navy"; "Opera".

Circulating Department (Juvenile)

The work of this department has been active and good. About one hundred thousand books were issued from this department, and the number of borrowers have been increased by over two thousand.

During the year the discards were heavy and the additions were few. The entire number of books in the collection is now only 15,028. On three occasions during the year so many books have been issued that the shelves were swept entirely bare of books of the first, second, third, and fourth grades.

Nearly every library and school in the country seems to be compiling graded lists of best books and a very large

number have requested such lists compiled by our library. A composite of all lists recommended would make interesting reading.

The pupils of the Normal School again gave for the pleasure of our young readers a "Book Play". This is gradually becoming one of the. expected and much anticipated events of each year.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The work in the Reference Department was of a little more miscellaneous character than that of the previous year. We are pleased to note a slight increase in the use of this department by the pupils of the Normal School.

The number of readers in this department was 36,804. The number of books in the reference collection is 15,150; of this number 6,921 are bound magazines. The principal additions to the reference collection were:

"Dickinson's One Thousand Best Books"; "Harper's History of Woman Suffrage"; "Moody's Foreign and American Government Securities"; "Moody's Public Utility Securities"; "Moody's Industrials"; "Moody's Railroad Securities"; "Oman's History of the Art of War in the Middle Ages, 2 Vols."; "Macquoid's Four Hundred Years of Children's Costume From the Great Masters, 1400-1800"; "Roger's Industrial Chemistry, 4th ed. 2 Vol."; "Imms' General Textbook of Entomology"; "United States Statutes, 1925 Cumulative Supplement"; "Taft's History of American Sculpture, new revised ed."; "Cessinsky's Old World House, 2 Vols."; "Hull's Dictionary of Modern Music and Musicians"; "Elson's History of America Music, revised to 1925"; "McCarthy's Irish Literature, 10 Vols."; "Virkus' Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy".

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

The Cataloging Department does the work of accessioning, classification, cataloging, preparing for the shelves, discarding, preparing for binding and rebinding for the Main Library and all Branches. It also has charge of the transfers of all books and the lending of all books between one Branch and another and the Main Library and Branches, and the keeping of all records required for all of these library processes.

The library has practically no list of substitutes upon which it can draw to replace absentees. It has been com-

pelled, therefore, to replace absentees by the Cataloging Department. This year more than ever this unfortunate method of replacement has been employed. On repeated occasions the Cataloging Department has been forced to suspend operation. It has been difficult to keep the department from despairing on account of these frequent interruptions of its work. The department worked under an additional disadvantage as three of its members were away for four months pursuing their library studies. In spite of these handicaps, however, the department has done a good year's work.

During the year 12,417 books were accessioned. Of this number 566 were gifts. The number of books withdrawn this year for discard was 3,422. An average of 1,100 books was added to each of the four white Branches and 448 to the Colored Branch.

Considerable time towards the end of the year was given to the preparations for the recataloging of the library, a piece of work that was referred to in the early part of this report.

DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT

United States, State and Local

The United States Document Department constitutes a very valuable part of our library collection. It contains 11,540 bound volumes and 31,073 pamphlets. The additions to the collection this year numbered 205 bound volumes and 3,045 pamphlets. The number of calls for documents was 2,145. We have estimated from year to year that the use of the Patent Gazette alone saves to the citizens of New Orleans $5,000.00 annually. The other calls are almost invariably also of an important nature. The largest number of calls was for the documents of the Commerce Department.

Our State and City Document collections had few additions.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The library received 326 magazines, exclusive of United States, State, and Municipal Documents. Of this number 106 are gifts. The number of newspapers received is 34. Of this number 9 are gifts.

The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 62,517, nearly all of whom were men. The number of readers in the Magazine Room was 22,422, here also nearly all of the readers were men.

BINDING AND MENDING DEPARTMENT

Some 5,212 books were sent to the binders for rebinding. About 336 more were bound from sheets and a large number of the newly purchased books were resewed, reinforced, and recased before delivery.

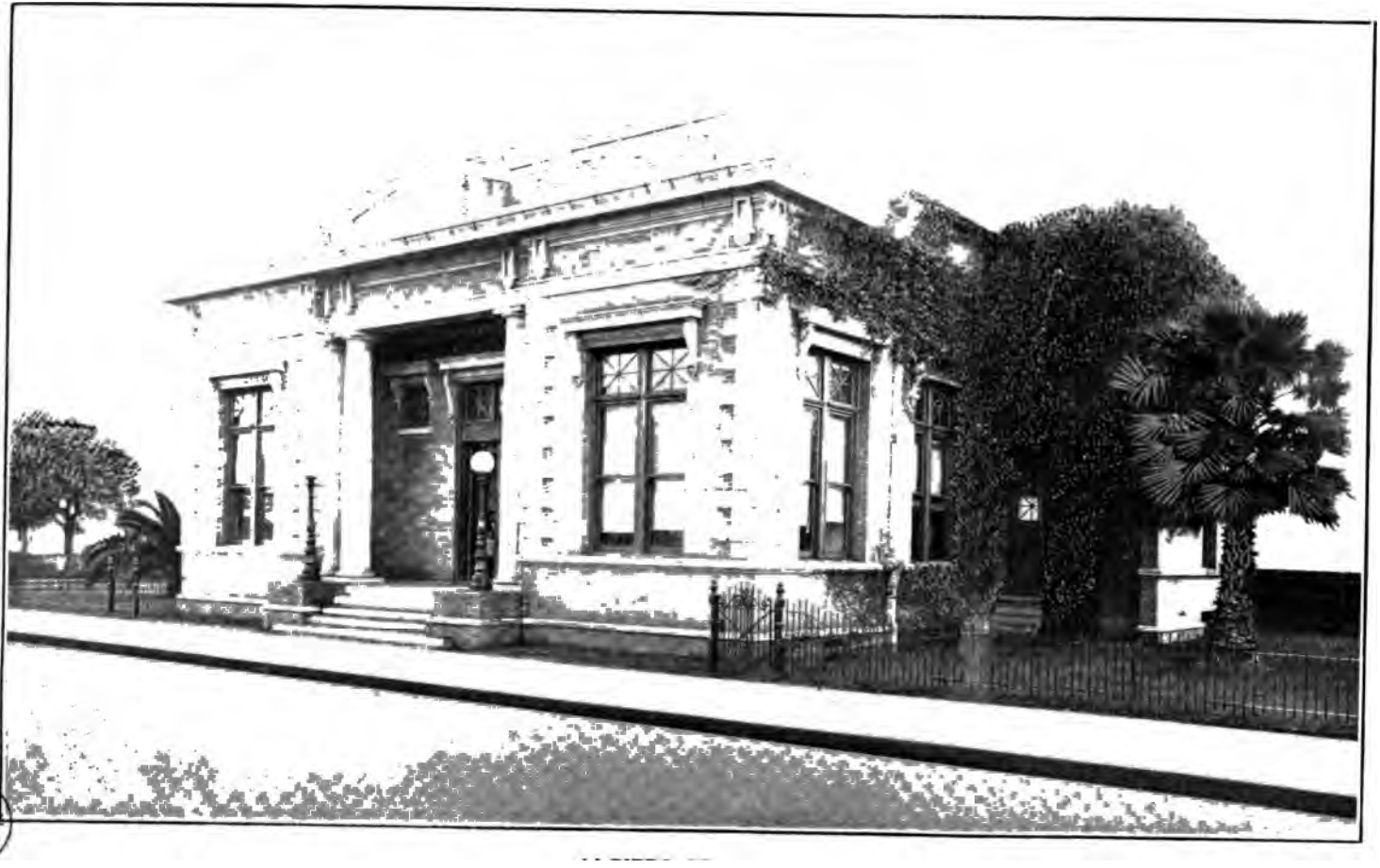
Books sent to this department are not kept over three days. This promptness of return to the shelves offsets the slight increased cost over the cost of books sent to the binders. In addition to the books sent to the binders our Mending Department recased 8,615 books, of this number 2,381 were completely resewed with the overcast or whipped stitch; and 12,449 books were mended.

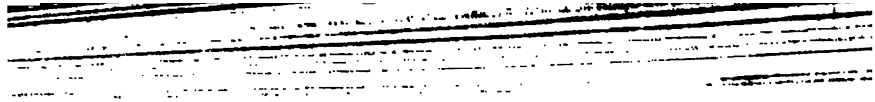
Our city schools provide most of the pupils with free text books. As there is no provision for the repair of these books, the schools have eagerly sought instruction from the library in cleaning, mending, and rebinding of books. Many large classes have been for this purpose instructed, through the year, by our Mending Department.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is now issued for five years. There is a Juvenile Card, an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile Card two books can be withdrawn; on the Adult Branch Card, three, on the Adult Main Library Card, five, and on the Deposit Card,. one. There are now in force 34,637 cards of all character, of this number 13,941 were isuued in 1925, 5,287 juvenile and 8,654 adult.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographer, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the





correspondence of the Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 13,459 pieces of signed mail.

STAFF (Main Library and Branches)

Under Act No. 89, 1900, of the State Legislature all appointments to the staff of the New Orleans Public Library shall be made from eligible lists certified to the Library Board by the Civil Service Commission of the city of New Orleans. During the past two years the Commission has held no competitive examinations, it has, therefore, furnished no eligible list to the Library Board. The Commission has, instead, instructed the Board to make its own appointments. Under this authority the Board has appointed to the staff the following ladies:—Mrs. Lena Marcy, Miss Natalie Phillpott, Miss Marjorie Williams, Miss Winnie Gordon and Miss Marjorie Meyer.

There were only three resignations from the staff during the year. Miss Isabelle Burns and Mrs. Raie E. Jaudel left on account of their approaching marriage, and Miss Alice V. Rogers resigned to accept a position in the library of Tulane University, a position requiring practically no night work and no Sunday work.

BRANCHES

The circulation of the Branches is on the whole increasing very satisfactorily. Napoleon Branch has done especially well this year; Canal Branch has shown the next greatest increase. The combined circulation of the Branches was 456,654. The circulation by Branch was, Royal Branch 93,847; Algiers Branch 63,518; Napoleon Branch 149,589; Canal Branch 109,540; Dryades Branch 40,160.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books from the Branches is 20,506, and the number of books in the five Branches is 78,277.

As the library has not sufficient means to operate a delivery system between the Main Library and the Branches, each borrower is permitted in addition to his Branch Card to have a card at the Main Library and, in this manner, he can obtain books that are in the Main Library and that would not be placed in the Branches because of infrequent use.

Under our system of operation nearly all of the library work requiring technical knowledge and skill is done for the Branches at the Main Library. In the course of a few years, the workers in the Branches are apt to forget what knowledge of library science they possessed when they were originally assigned to the Branches and to feel the need of renewing their studies to properly qualify them for a continuance of their work. I, therefore, again recommend to the Board the occasional transfer of the Branch staffs to the Main Library for periods of from ten days to two weeks.

As the circulation of each Branch depends to a great extent upon the personal relationships established by the Branch workers between themselves and the people of the branch neighborhoods and between the Branch and the other educational agencies in the neighborhood of the libraries, the Board will understand the stress that the Librarian lays upon the necessity of each employee of every Branch making such efforts earnestly and cheerfully, and in a friendly spirit.

HOLIDAYS

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions.

The library is closed from 5 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday; it is also closed Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2nd, 9 A. M.; and, 5 P. M. the evening of Momus parade.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the Staff and the pages who have worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence up to twelve are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

In closing this report I wish to acknowledge the uniform courtesy of the Board towards the Librarian, the staff, and all of the library employees during the current year.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1925.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

February 10, 1926.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR 1925

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund balance from 1924		$ 2,089.82
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Balance	58.69	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	94.54	
Investment Interest on Bonds	540.00	
Fines Main Library	4,948.50	
Fines Royal Branch	578.18	
Fines Algiers Branch	351.86	
Fines Napoleon Branch	433.73	
Fines Canal Branch	657.44	
Fines Dryades Branch	78.93	85,741.87
		87,831.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—Purchase of 2—$1,000.00 City of New Orleans Constitutional Bonds	1,938.00	

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$15,978.74	
Periodicals	1,618.64	
Binding	3,409.51	
General Expenses	5,499.68	
Insurance	276.00	
Heating	373.67	
Printing and Stationery	898.67	
Salaries	37,278.40	65,333.31

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expenses	414.15	
Printing and Stationery	112.36	
Heating	39.00	
Binding	171.87	
Salaries	3,315.05	4,052.43
Amounts carried forward		71,323.74 87,831.69

Amounts brought forward		71,323.74	87,831.69

ALGIERS BRANCH

General Expenses	153.14	
Printing and Stationery	107.69	
Heating	63.10	
Binding	102.81	
Salaries	3,317.45	3,744.19

NAPOLEON BRANCH

General Expenses	242.98	
Printing and Stationery	107.36	
Heating	23.50	
Binding	162.73	
Salaries	3,202.95	3,739.52

CANAL BRANCH

General Expenses	874.82	
Printing and Stationery	110.74	
Binding	147.54	
Heating	35.00	
Salaries	3,403.35	4,571.45

DRYADES BRANCH

General Expenses	218.73		
Printing and Stationery	136.61		
Heating	27.50		
Salaries	2,864.75	3,247.59	86,626.49
Balance			$ 1,205.20

Balance in Banks.

Marine Bank & Trust Co.	1,021.66	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	183.54	$ 1,205.20

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1924	119.33	
Interest Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00	1,599.33

DISBURSEMENTS

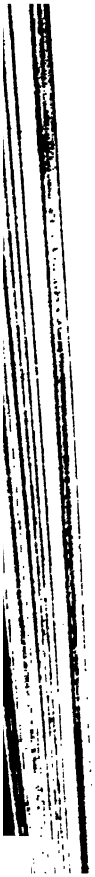
Books	754.92
Balance in Hibernia Bank	$ 844.41

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.



NAPOLEON BRANCH



STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED By the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION.

Annual Library report for the year ending December 31, 1925.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans, State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.

Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	303

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	167,445	37,077	204,522
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	8,136	3,715	11,851
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	490	76	566
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,040	1,382	3,422
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	174,031	39,486	213,517
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	363,977	134,773	498,750
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	454,152	231,039	685,191

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 2,209.15	Books	$16,733.66
Local taxation (city appropriation)	75,000.00	Periodicals	1,618.64
State grants	None	Binding	3,994.46
Endowment funds	4,480.00	Salaries, Library service	44,285.95
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,096.00
Fines and sale of publication	7,048.64	Light (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent investments	1,938.00
Other sources	693.23	Other expenses	9,714.70
		Balance on hand	2,049.61
	$89,431.02		$89,431.02

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	13,941
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	360
Number of persons using the library for reading and study	182,614

CIRCULATION IN 1925

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Total Circulation, 1925

TABLE No. 1

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home use	313,505	74,082	50,284	128,312	86,902	32,106	685,191
Library use	50,050	19,765	13,234	21,277	22,638	8,054	135,018
Total	363,555	93,847	63,518	149,589	109,540	40,160	820,209

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches 1910-1925

TABLE No. 2

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313		
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188
1923	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763
1924	330,836	84,474	61,591	122,297	103,331	31,299
1925	363,555	93,847	63,518	149,589	109,540	40,160

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1925

TABLE No. 3

1905	99,100	1916	517,125
1906	98,749	1917	500,918
1907	97,316	1918	467,967
1908	245,559	1919	477,974
1909	325,057	1920	480,603
1910	350,746	1921	543,074
1911	400,397	1922	625,997
1912	472,868	1923	658,837
1913	447,403	1924	733,828
1914	488,411	1925	820,209
1915	495,504		

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1921-1925

TABLE No. 4

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Central Library	126,021	134,212	135,877	157,698	166,183
Royal Branch	39,847	41,348	40,637	41,946	47,473
Algiers Branch	28,968	31,014	28,029	29,895	29,944
Napoleon Branch	41,043	51,766	56,980	71,894	82,482
Canal Branch	39,427	44,208	52,272	57,185	57,731
Dryades Branch	3,404	4,340	6,106	6,529	9,278
Totals	278,710	306,888	319,901	365,147	393,091

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1921-1925

TABLE No. 5

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Central Library	30,086	36,067	38,533	43,111	51,364
Royal Branch	17,955	21,279	19,459	20,162	22,684
Algiers Branch	13,663	19,808	16,800	17,188	18,399
Napoleon Branch	14,649	20,425	21,257	21,415	27,459
Canal Branch	16,438	19,734	21,118	22,766	24,692
Dryades Branch	3,068	4,488	7,153	7,507	11,623
Totals	95,859	121,801	124,320	132,149	156,221

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1921-1925

TABLE No. 6

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Central Library	156,107	170,279	174,410	200,809	217,547
Royal Branch	57,802	62,627	60,096	62,108	70,157
Algiers Branch	42,631	50,822	44,829	47,083	48,343
Napoleon Branch	55,692	72,191	78,237	93,309	109,941
Canal Branch	55,865	63,942	73,390	79,951	82,423
Dryades Branch	6,472	8,828	13,259	14,036	20,901
Totals	374,569	428,689	444,221	497,296	549,312

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1921-1925

TABLE No. 7

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
General works	7,260	8,221	9,327	9,623	9,558
Philosophy	4,646	4,705	4,818	5,180	5,541
Religion	2,514	2,654	2,860	3,656	3,985
Sociology	9,426	11,045	10,862	11,924	11,510
Philology	1,737	1,631	1,759	1,801	2,051
Natural science	3,703	4,334	4,076	4,719	5,436
Useful arts	9,782	11,087	10,296	10,360	10,105
Fine arts	5,060	6,014	6,340	6,792	6,976
Literature	18,028	20,078	21,141	20,555	20,125
History, travel, biography	16,792	18,439	18,370	21,167	21,205
Totals	78,948	88,208	89,849	95,777	96,492

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1925

TABLE No. 8

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	440	619	2,040	1,326	45
Philosophy	87	101	1,112	319	563
Religion	219	133	534	911	263
Sociology	744	289	2,090	1,492	2,240
Philology	116	40	811	279	267
Natural science	322	131	1,449	577	1,046
Useful arts	547	332	2,006	953	936
Fine arts	432	203	1,600	988	1,017
Literature	1,689	1,103	4,216	2,550	1,542
History, travel, biography	1,376	836	4,202	2,175	1,309
Totals	5,972	3,787	20,060	11,570	9,228

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1921-1925

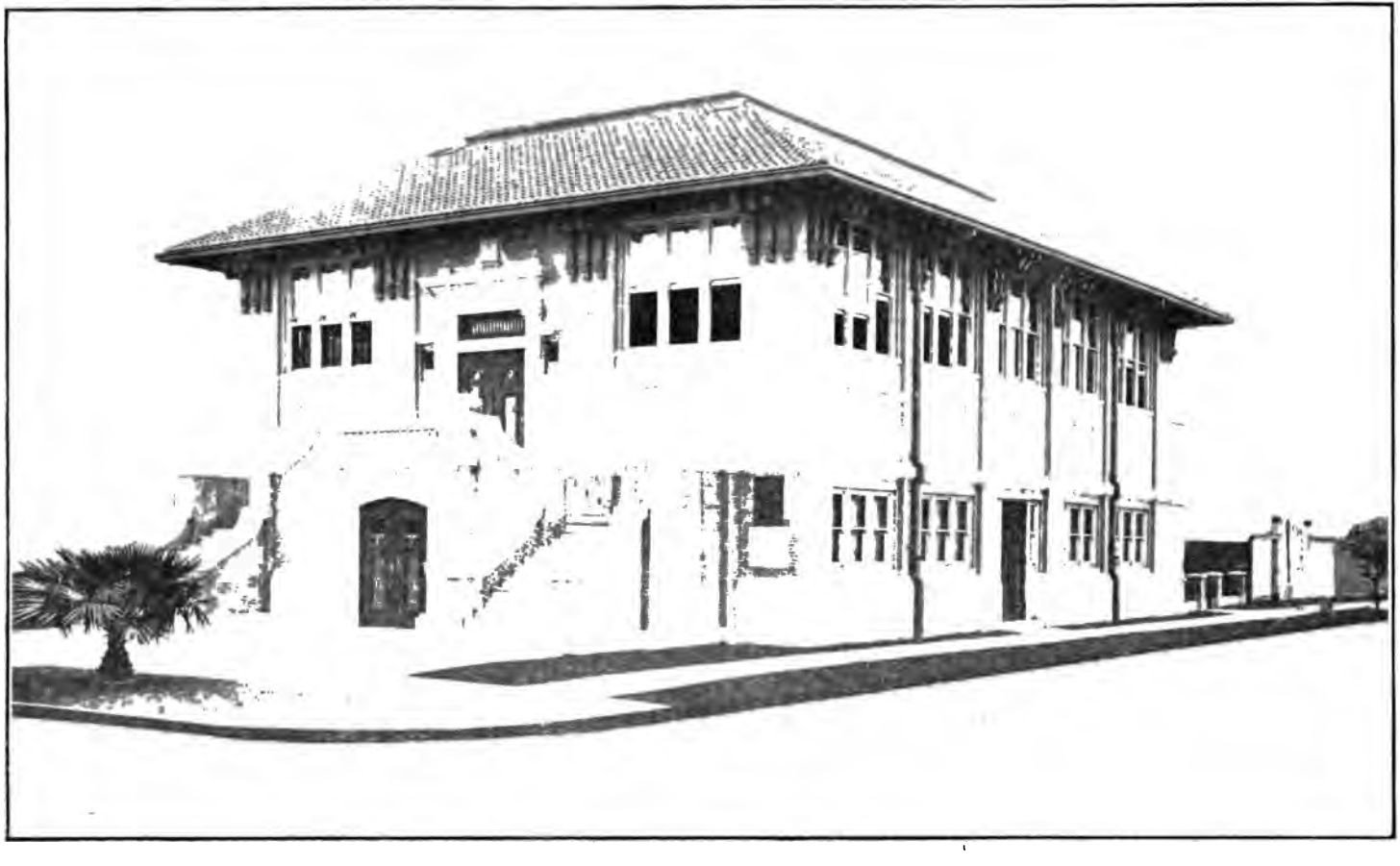
TABLE No. 9

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
General works	768	1,091	722	913	1,367
Philosophy	47	59	46	103	118
Religion	412	725	935	890	1,590
Sociology	5,432	7,811	8,925	11,018	13,135
Philology					715
Natural science	969	1,567	2,061	2,672	4,226
Useful arts	1,061	1,326	1,713	2,126	2,312
Fine arts	1,100	1,354	1,947	2,582	2,586
Literature	2,538	3,285	3,972	7,192	13,455
History, travel, biography	2,671	4,155	4,954	6,754	10,012
Totals	14,998	21,373	25,275	34,250	49,516

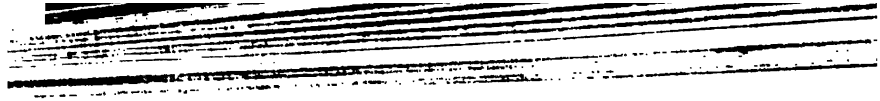
Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1925

TABLE No. 10

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	0	491	856	0	0
Philosophy	8	37	233	83	358
Religion	482	361	395	1,335	438
Sociology	8,361	4,400	5,931	7,823	3,241
Philology		6		15	
Natural science	1,131	536	2,794	568	1,112
Useful arts	756	607	2,011	971	980
Fine arts	1,492	859	1,765	1,107	1,121
Literature	2,660	1,833	2,491	1,877	1,329
History, travel, biography	2,828	2,258	3,112	1,768	1,452
Totals	17,718	11,388	19,588	15,547	10,031



CANAL BRANCH



Total Circulation Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1921-1925

TABLE No. 11

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Central Library	93,946	109,581	115,124	130,027	146,008
Royal Branch	16,960	20,029	22,595	22,366	23,690
Algiers Branch	10,724	13,197	14,924	14,508	15,175
Napoleon Branch	14,586	19,169	24,037	28,988	39,648
Canal Branch	16,528	17,972	20,432	23,380	27,117
Dryades Branch	15,761	17,360	17,504	17,263	19,259
Totals	168,505	197,308	214,616	236,532	270,897

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1921-1925

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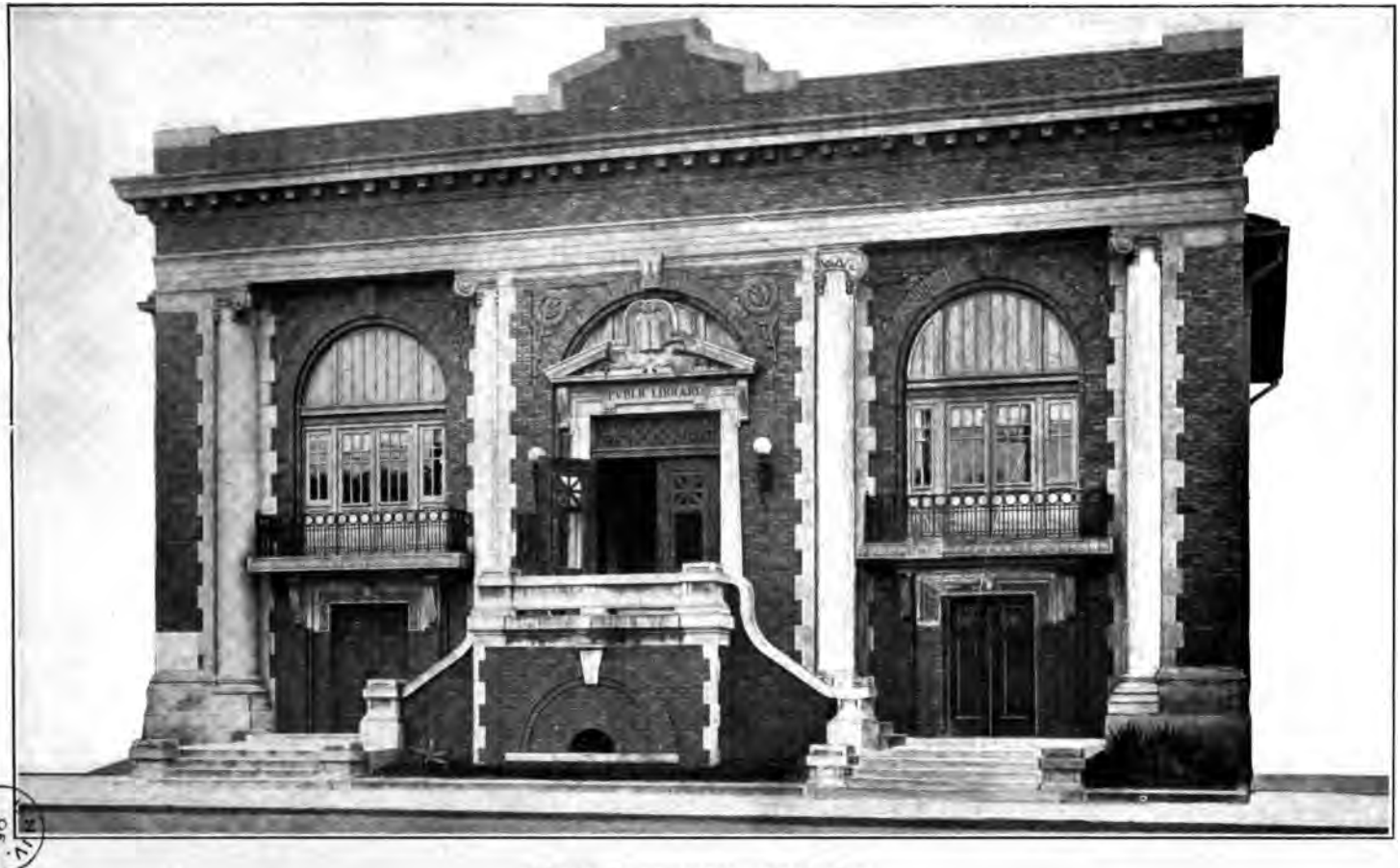
	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
General works	302	252	322	493	285
Philosophy	112	180	148	192	176
Religion	72	178	221	160	271
Sociology	599	1,608	1,220	1,227	769
Philology	43	17	14	107	89
Natural science	158	469	358	514	378
Useful arts	519	673	544	525	592
Fine arts	182	434	529	492	494
Literature	534	705	810	1,366	1,290
Travel	196	277	403	267	359
Biography	159	459	380	442	506
History	280	459	691	452	428
Fiction	4,150	6,718	5,455	8,669	6,780
Totals	7,306	12,370	11,195	14,906	12,417

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Money Received from Fines, 1925

TABLE No. 13

Central Library	$4,948.50
Royal Branch	578.18
Algiers Branch	351.86
Napoleon Branch	433.73
Canal Branch	657.44
Dryades Branch	78.93
Total	$7,048.64



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

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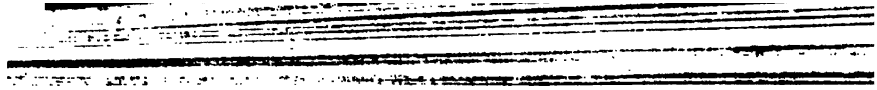
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*Promoted during the year to Staff.
**Resigned.





New Orleans, La., March 26th, 1927

To the Hon. Arthur J. O'Keefe, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

We point with pride to the very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library, and Simon Hernsheim Library which is herewith submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, that it is doing, and that it will do for the people of New Orleans with the assistance of your Honorable body which you have hitherto so graciously extended and which we hope you will continue to extend.

These reports after careful perusal I am sure will be a source of gratification to your administration.

Succinctly stated the circulation of books for the year 1926 was as follows:

Royal Branch	97,724
Algiers Branch	65,708
Napoleon Branch	169,180
Canal Branch	111,499
Dryades Branch	42,448
Main Library	385,758
Making a total of	872,317

The number of borrowers of books now withdrawing books is nearly 37,000 and the number of readers in the several reading rooms is nearly 185,733.

The Board of Directors and the Librarian and his assistants are in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the Public Library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. CLAIBORNE,
President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1926

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library.

Gentlemen:

It is now eighty-three years since the establishment of the first of the several libraries whose consolidation resulted in our present institution, the New Orleans Public Library. The growth of our library has been slow but for the last twenty years or more it has been constant. The chief reason for the slowness of our growth is easily realized when one considers that the average library expenditures of the municipalities of the United States is about seventy cents per capita and that of the New Orleans Public Library after having been for many years under ten cents per capita is still to-day less than twenty cents per capita. Nevertheless, in spite of this and many other handicaps, in the last twenty years our circulation has grown from 90,000 in 1906 to 872,317 in 1926. It may aid in realizing the amount of work required for the circulation of this number of books when we consider that in addition to all the other work connected with this circulation, the issuance and return of these books require the making of 5,233,902 records in the course of the year. It means that there passes daily over the charging and discharging desk over four tons of books and that if all the books issued during the year were piled in heaps seventy-eight feet high from the sidewalk to the top of the dome surmounting our main building there would be a sufficient number of piles to surround and completely hide the entire building from the sight of the passers-by. We have not only mltiplied the number of books circulated but we have reached a moderate proportion of the total number of all types of people living within the limits of our city. We do our best to meet the demands of the profound student, the partially educated adult, the adult beginning his education late in life, the craftsman and artisan

seeking to improve his quality of work and to advance himself in his occupation, the students of all grades of school, the general cultured reader, the general reader seeking recreation, and the reader whose capacity is much limited by environment, lack of opportunity or personal limitations. Special work with any of these groups is denied us through lack of funds. Our force is small, fifty-three in all, including staff members, pages, clerks, janitors, porters, and an engineer.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books during the year was 36,682. In addition to these borrowers 185,733 persons read in the several reading rooms.

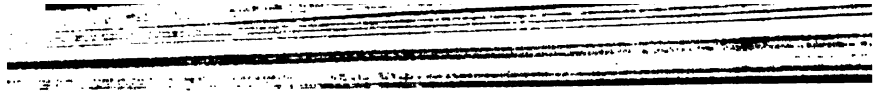
Our collection of books numbers 226,783. Of this number 143,202 are in the Main Library; 18,239 in the Royal Branch; 17,941 in the Algiers Branch; 18,977 in the Napoleon Branch; 17,203 in the Canal Branch; and 11,221 in the Dryades Branch. The number of books added during the year was 17,241. The number of books discarded as unfit for further use was 3,975.

The library hours at the Main Library are from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days and on Sundays from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. The Branch hours are from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M. except that in the Summer months the Branch Libraries also remain open until 9 P. M.; and the Dryades Branch, the Colored Branch, is open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days and each Sunday from 2 to 6 P. M.

Our library equipment consists of a main building and five branch buildings, all in good condition. The area covered by our city is larger than that of any other city in the United States except two. This together with other local conditions require for a proper library system more branches than the average city our size, and the persistent and insistent demands of our people for additional branches must soon be heeded by the municipal authorities. The mistaken impression has become general in the city that library buildings are provided by the Library Board from its annual appropriation for maintenance whereas these buildings can be constructed only from appropriation provided by the City Council. The upper part of our city, the section locally known as Carrollton, with a school popu-



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lation of over twelve thousand and a general population of over forty thousand must seek its library service at the Napoleon Branch from three to five miles distant from the nearest and remotest point in that section or from the Main Library from five to seven miles distant. An energetic effort upon the part of these citizens, including the preparation and submittance to the Commission Council of a clear and thorough statement of their library needs, I am convinced would meet with a ready response from that legislative body and provisions would be made for the erection of at least one library building in the upper part of the city.

Again the outstanding work of the library, insofar as development is concerned, has been done by the Juvenile Department. The work of this department in connection with the schools is particularly to be commended. During the year 49,000 books were loaned directly from the library to individual pupils in the public, parochial and private schools. It is a splendid evidence of the system and accuracy with which this work is done and likewise the splendid evidence of conscientious and systematic habits on the part of the young people that our records show the loss from this large number of books to be only seven titles.

The manner of celebrating Children's Book Week was this year varied from our usual program. Instead of having the pupils from the schools visit the nearest library, inspecting exhibits of books and listening to stories and lectures, our library force visited the schools, displayed posters, selected lists of books, delivered brief talks on books and reading and sought to have every pupil in the city read during that week, under the direction of the teacher, at least one book. Actual reports with comments upon the books read showed that during the week this work resulted in the reading of 11,000 books.

Our publications this year were very limited, both in character and number, consisting almost entirely of graded or special lists of reading for boys and girls.

We feel most sadly the need of money for advertising and bringing to the attention of the community

the resources of the library and the character of work being done by it.

Last year at the Main Library we changed from coal to oil as a fuel of our heating system. This year we converted the system from high pressure to the low pressure type. These two changes have reduced our fuel bill about forty per cent.

The work of recataloging the library is progressing very satisfactorily. We take considerable pride in the fact that this work is being done without the employment of a single additional worker.

MAIN LIBRARY

Circulating Department (Adult)

The earnest request of the public that our entire circulating collection be placed upon open shelves induced the Board at the opening of the library, although the stacks had been designed and built for the closed shelf system, to comply with the requests of the borrowers and our library is consequently one of the few libraries with over two hundred thousand volumes that has the open stack system throughout. This method of operation is far more expensive than the closed stack system, requiring a larger number of employees to meet the individual requests of the readers and to rearrange the thousands of books that are displaced each day by the borrowers who roam at will among the books.

The usual study programs were made for the several clubs, carefully prepared bibliographies were compiled for the two summer schools, Tulane and Loyola. Our most carefully prepared bibliography of the year was one on General Science compiled for the instructors of the John McDonogh High School.

The effort to properly co-operate with the high schools and colleges has not yet been systematized sufficiently to get the results we had hoped for and a more determined effort will be made during the coming year to have this work function as thoroughly and as satisfactorily as the work of the Juvenile Department does with the primary and grammar schools.

Some of the reading lists and exhibits that attracted particular attention were:

"Famous Americans"; "Valentine Day"; "Late Books on the Drama"; "Lenten Reading"; "Easter"; "Health"; "Motherhood and Infancy"; "Journalism"; "Best Books of 1925"; "Theosophy"; "Opera".

We expect substantial results from a practical reading list "Nursing and Allied Subjects" that was compiled for the Nurses Club of New Orleans.

It is interesting to note that the most popular collection and list was "Best Books of 1925" from which there was a ninety-five per cent circulation. The least popular was "Health", having a circulation of only two per cent.

We have been very much pleased with the increased use of the library by the pupils of several of the private schools. One or two of these schools shows an exceptionally high standard of parallel reading and study done by their students.

The fifteen titles of fiction having the largest circulation during the year were:

"Pedler's Red Ashes"; "Norris' Black Flemings"; "Dell's Man Under Authority"; "Lea's With or Without"; "Norris' Hildegarde"; "Sabatini's Bardleys the Magnificent"; "Pedler's Tomorrow's Tangle"; "Galsworthy's Silver Spoon"; "Sedgwick's Little French Girl"; "Wells' Vanity Case"; Marks' Plastic Age"; "Train's Blind Goddess"; "Rinehart's Red Lamp"; "Stockley's Ponjola"; "Ferber's Show Boat"; "Ruck's Kneel to the Prettiest".

The fifteen most popular titles of non-fiction were:

"Barton's Man Nobody Knows"; "Gray of Fallodon's Twenty-five Years"; "Seymour's Intimate Papers of Col. E. M. House"; "Marshall's Recollections of T. R. Marshall"; "Sandburg's Life of Abraham Lincoln"; "Thomason's Fix Bayonets"; "Beer's Mauve Decade"; "Bowers' Jefferson and Hamilton"; "deKruif's Microbe Hunters"; "Durant's Story of Philosophy"; "Cushing's Life of Sir Wm. Osler"; "Beebe's Arcturus Adventure";

"Anderson's Story Teller's Story"; Dorsey's Why We Behave Like Human Beings"; "Wiggam's Fruit of the Family Tree".

Circulating Department (Juvenile)

Again I must commend the work done by the Juvenile Department. Its circulation for the year was 109,494. Its circulation direct to the pupils of the various schools was 49,484.

The number of books at the beginning of the year in this department was 15,014; the number of additions 8,322, and the number of discards 858; total number at the end of the year 17,478.

The circulation of this department showed an average use of six times per year of each book in the collection.

During the year this department paid two hundred and ninety-six visits to the public schools, nine to the private schools, and sixteen to the parochial schools.

The ten most popular books of fiction in this department were:

"Alcott's Little Women"; "Barrie's Peter Pan"; "Burnett's Sara Crewe"; "Clemens' Huckleberry Finn"; "Clemens' Tom Sawyer"; "Jamison's Lady Jane"; "Johnston's Little Colonel Stories"; "Potter's Peter Rabbit"; "Stevenson's Treasure Island"; "Wiggin's Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm".

The ten most popular books of non-fiction were:

"Aesop's Fables"; "Andersen's Fairy Tales"; "Arabian Nights"; "Baker and Others' Inventions"; "Baldwin's Fifty Famous Stories"; "Grimm's Fairy Tales"; "King Arthur Stories"; "Kingsley's Heroes"; "Lambs' Tales from Shakespeare"; "Robin Hood Stories".

The successful celebration of Children's Book Week has been already mentioned in this report.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

I have several times in my report attempted an analysis of racial and local tendencies, local environ-



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ments, and influence of political and educational institutions that make the use of the Reference Department of Southern Libraries different from their use in other sections of our Country. Whatever the cause or nature of this difference, it is pleasing to note the increasing use of reference material in our library. Unlike the New York Public Library our reference rooms are not overcrowded by the under-graduate students and our reference work is largely with the general reader.

A large number of valuable books, though seldom used in this department, were transferred to another part of the building where they might be preserved and yet not impede service in the use of the more frequently called for books in the Reference Department.

The number of readers in this department was 35,468. The number of books in the reference collection is 15,659; of this number 7,058 are bound magazines.

The principal additions to the Reference Collection were:

"Goulding's Index to American Book-Prices Current, 1916-1922"; "Iguiniz's Bibliografia de novelistas Mexicanos"; "Encyclopedia Britannica, 13th. ed."; "Ayer's American Newspaper Annual and Directory, 1926"; "Jacobus, New Standard Bible Dictionary"; "Outline of Christianity"; "Bayer, Book of the Popes"; "Blue Book of Southern Progress"; "Almanack de Gotha"; "Willis & Steiner, Federal Reserve Banking Practice"; "Shotwell's Economic and Social History of the World War"; "Manning's Diplomatic Correspondence of the U. S. Concerning the Independence of the Latin-American Nations"; "Murphy's Florida Real Estate Law"; "Louisiana Statutes, 1926"; "Study of 81 Principal Markets"; "Haire's Folk Costume Book"; "Kelly & Schwall, Historic Costume"; "Westermarck's History of Human Marriage", 3 vols.; "The Chemical Age"; "Chemical Dictionary"; "Park, Text Book of Geology, 2nd. ed. rev."; "Thompson's Oil Field Exproration & Development", 2 vols.; "Zittell, Text Book of Paleontology"; "Wyman & Burnell, Field Book of Birds of the Southwestern U. S."; "Pharmacopoeia of

the U. S. of America, ed. 10, 1926"; "Wood, Dispensatory of the U. S. of America, rev. ed."; "Remington's Practice of Pharmacy, 7th ed."; "Karsner, Human Pathology"; "McDonald, Study of Weather Influences on Sugar Cane Production in La."; "MacRae's Blue Book & Hendricks' Commercial Register, 1925-26"; "Skinner's Cotton Trade Directory of the World, 1925-1926"; "Saint, Stained Glass of the Middle Ages in England and France"; "Laurence, Color in Architecture"; "Encyclopedia of Furniture"; "Payson, Mahogany, antique and modern"; "Penderel-Brodhurst & Layton, Glossary of English Furniture of the Historic Periods"; "Europa Year-Book, 1926"; "Richardson & Everbein, English Inn, Past and Present"; "Dawson, Introduction to London"; "Schnitzler, Republic of Mexico"; "Fox-Davis, Complete Guide to Heraldry", rev. ed.; "Kings and Queens of Ancient Egypt"; "Weigall, History of the Pharoahs"; "Edwards, Notes on European History"; "Cheney, History of England from the Defeat of the Armanda to the Death of Elizabeth", 2 vols.; "Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents"; "Caldwell, Short History of the American People"; "Rowland, History of Mississippi", 2 vols.; "Segal & Santalow, Commercial Year Book of the Soviet Union"; "Eberlein & Ramsdell, Practical Book of Chinaware"; Litchfield, Pottery and Porcelain".

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

The Cataloging Department does the work of accessioning, classification, cataloging, preparing for the shelves, discarding, preparing for binding and rebinding for the Main Library and all Branches. It also has charge of the transfers of all books and the lending of all books between one Branch and another and the Main Library and Branches, and the keeping of all records required for these library processes.

The library has practically no list of substitutes upon which it can draw to replace absentees. It has been compelled, therefore, to replace absentees from the Cataloging Department. This year the replacing of absentees has cost the Cataloging Department one thousand two hundred and ten hours that were sadly needed for work in their department.

In addition to the regular routine of work, the department is recataloging the entire library. In twelve months forty thousand Library of Congress cards have been ordered, adapted to our use and filed in the public catalogs and for the use of the library departments.

During the year 17,241 books were accessioned. Of this number 500 were gifts. The number of books withdrawn this year for discard was 3,975. An average of 1,600 books was added to each of the four white Branches and 654 to the Colored Branch.

DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT

United States, State and Local

The United States Document Department constitutes a very valuable part of our library collection. It contains 9,394 bound volumes and 29,450 pamphlets. The additions to the collection this year numbered 198 bound volumes and 3,450 pamphlets. The number of calls for documents was 2,205. We have estimated from year to year that the use of the Patent Gazette alone saves to the citizens of New Orleans $5,000.00 annually. The other calls are almost invariably also of an important nature. The largest number of calls was for the documents of the Commerce Department.

In the early part of the year the document collection was checked over and all duplicates returned to the Superintendent of Documents. We sent back to him seventy-five sacks of books and pamphlets, about 1,500 pamphlets and a little over 1,000 bound volumes.

Our State document collection had a few additions; bound volumes 3 and pamphlets 21. We received also 6 pamphlets published by the City of New Orleans.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The library received 320 magazines, exclusive of United States, State, and Municipal Documents. Of this number 108 are gifts. The number of newspapers received is 42. Of this number 11 are gifts.

The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 60,867, nearly all of whom were men. The number of readers in the Magazine Room was 27,487, here also nearly all of the readers were men.

BINDING AND MENDING DEPARTMENT

Some 7,440 books were sent to the binders for rebinding. About 277 more were bound from sheets and a large number of the newly purchased books were resewed, reinforced, and recased before being issued.

The annually increasing number of books sent tc the binder is relieving this departmnt of the volume of work which at one time was more than could be completed. The department is, therefore, able from time to time to aid in the work in other departments. This year the complement of work has, also, been more speedily accomplished as the assistant in charge has systematized the work more completely than had been done heretofore.

Books sent to this department are not kept over three days. This promptness of return to the shelves offsets the slightly increased cost over the cost of books sent to the binders. In addition to the books sent to the binders our Mending Department recased 6,985 books, of this number 2,193 were completely resewed with the overcast or whipped stitch; and 9,948 books were mended.

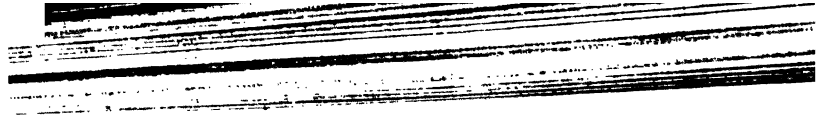
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is now issued for five years. There is a Juvenile Card, an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile Card two books can be withdrawn; on the Adult Branch Card, three, on the Adult Main Library Card, five, and on the Deposit Card, one. There are now in force 36,682 cards of all characters; of this number 12,791 were issued in 1926, 3,954 juvenile and 8,837 adult.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographer, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the Branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspondence of the



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Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 11,600 pieces of signed mail.

STAFF (Main Library and Branches)

Under Act No. 89, 1900, of the State Legislature all appointments of the Staff of the New Orleans Public Library shall be made from eligible lists certified to the Library Board by the Civil Service Commission of the City of New Orleans. During the past three years the Commission has held no competitive examinations; it has, therefore, furnished no eligible list to the Library Board. The Commission has, instead, instructed the Board to make its own appointments. Under this authority the Board has appointed to the Staff the following ladies: Miss Margaret Donaldson, Miss Marie Wherritt and Miss Ruth Sanford.

There were only two resignations from the Staff during the year; Miss Olga Ferrata who left on account of her approaching marriage, and Mrs. Lena Marcy who resigned to accept a position in the library of Loyola University.

BRANCHES

All accessioning, shelf listing, cataloging of books and the preparing of books for the shelves, and the registration of borrowers for the Branches is done at the Main Library. This leaves to the Branches only the circulation of books and the building up of circulation through the establishment of pleasant relationships throughout the neighborhood and through keeping in contact with and meeting the demands of the neighboring schools.

The combined circulation of the Branches was 486,559. The circulation by Branch was: Royal Branch, 97,724; Algiers Branch, 65,708; Napoleon Branch, 169,180; Canal Branch, 111,499; Dryades Branch, 42,448. The Napoleon Branch is especially to be commended for the greatest percentage of increase.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books from the Branches is 21,688, and the total number of books in the five Branches is 83,581.

As the library has not sufficient means to operate a delivery system between the Main Library and the Branches, each borrower is permitted in addition to his Branch Card to have a card at the Main Library and, in this manner, he can obtain books that are in the Main Library and that would not be placed in the Branches because of infrequent use.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATION

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions. The holidays adopted by the resolution of the Board are:

From 5 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday; Good Friday; Easter Sunday, Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2nd, 9 A. M.; and 5 P. M. the evening of Momus parade.

By special resolutions this year the library was also closed: January 13th, on account of the death of Mayor Behrman; Labor Day; Armistice Day; and Dec. 26th.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the Staff and the Pages who have worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence up to twelve are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

In meeting successfully the difficulties attendant upon the conducting of our library work, the sympathy and assistance of the Library Board has been a great aid to the Librarian and his Staff.

The Librarian wishes to thank the Staff and the other employees of the library for all of that spirit of willingness with which we seek to overcome the limitations of numbers and lack of money.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1926.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian.

Feb. 9, 1927.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Statement for 1926

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1925		$ 1,20
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Balance	60.07	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	3,300.00	
Miscellaneous	81.44	
Investments—Interest on Bonds	600.00	
Fines Main Library	5,562.73	
Fines Royal Branch	650.61	
Fines Algiers Branch	387.43	
Fines Napoleon Branch	493.17	
Fines Canal Branch	739.05	
Fines Dryades Branch	77.39	86,95
		$88,15

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—Purchase of 1—$1,000.00 City of New Orleans Constitutional Bond	$ 970.17	

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$16,405.03	
Periodicals	1,385.35	
Binding	3,379.88	
General Expense	5,440.71	
Insurance	374.40	
Heating	330.92	
Printing and Stationery	743.26	
Salaries	38,217.60	
Contingent	627.73	66,904.88

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expense	286.48	
Printing and Stationery	172.03	
Heating	34.25	
Binding	453.54	
Salaries	3.329.55	4,275.85
Amounts carried forward		$72,150.90 $88,1

Amounts brought forward		$72,150.90	$88,157.09
ALGIERS BRANCH			
General Expense	$ 159.61		
Printing and Stationery	114.64		
Heating	52.70		
Binding	235.10		
Salaries	3,312.50	3,874.57	
NAPOLEON BRANCH			
General Expense	251.86		
Printing and Stationery	188.16		
Heating	50.50		
Binding	335.81		
Salaries	3,314.30	4,140.63	
CANAL BRANCH			
General Expense	279.25		
Printing and Stationery	154.98		
Heating	5.50		
Binding	450.53		
Salaries	3,252.15	4,142.41	
DRYADES BRANCH			
General Expense	241.70		
Printing and Stationery	69.50		
Binding	84.76		
Salaries	2,912.15	3,308.11	$87.616.60
Balance			$ 540.49
Balance in Banks			
Marine Bank & Trust Co.	$ 364.09		
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	176.40	$ 540.49	

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

RECEIPTS

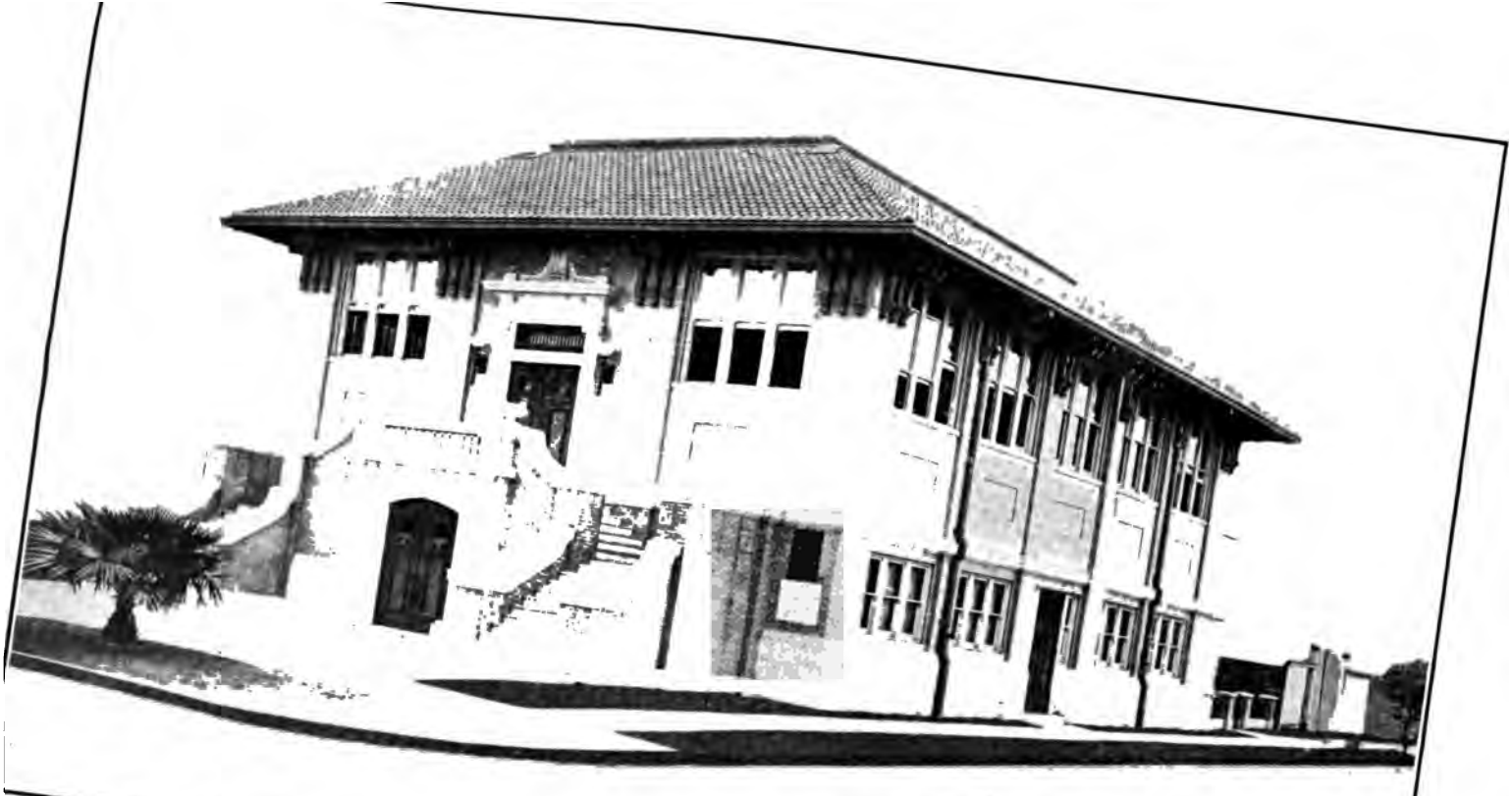
Balance from 1925	$ 844.41	
Interest Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00	$ 2,324.41

DISBURSEMENTS

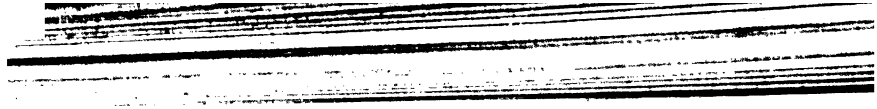
Books	2,199.76
Balance in Hibernia Bank	$ 124.65

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.



CANAL BRANCH



STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED by the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Annual Library Report for the year ending December 31, 1926.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	303

Hours open each week for lending and readings:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	174,031	39,486	213,517
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	10,810	5,931	16,741
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	485	15	500
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,381	1,594	3,975
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	182,945	43,838	226,783
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	385,060	143,845	528,905
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	484,529	245,939	730,468

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 2,049.61	Books	$18,604.79
Local taxation (city appropriation	75,000.00	Periodicals	1,385.35
State grants	None	Binding	4,939.62
Endowment funds	4,780.00	Salaries Library service	45,242.25
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,096.00
Fines and sale of publication	7,910.38	Light (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent investments	970.17
Other sources	741.51	Other expenses	9,578.18
		Balance on hand	665.14
	$90,481.50		$90,481.50

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	12,791
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	362
Number of persons using the library for reading and study	185,733

CIRCULATION IN 1926

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Total Circulation, 1926

TABLE 1

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home Use	336,607	77,267	51,080	142,969	88,529	34,016	730,468
Library Use	49,151	20,457	14,628	26,211	22,970	8,432	141,849
Total	385,758	97,724	65,708	169,180	111,499	42,448	872,317

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches 1910-1926

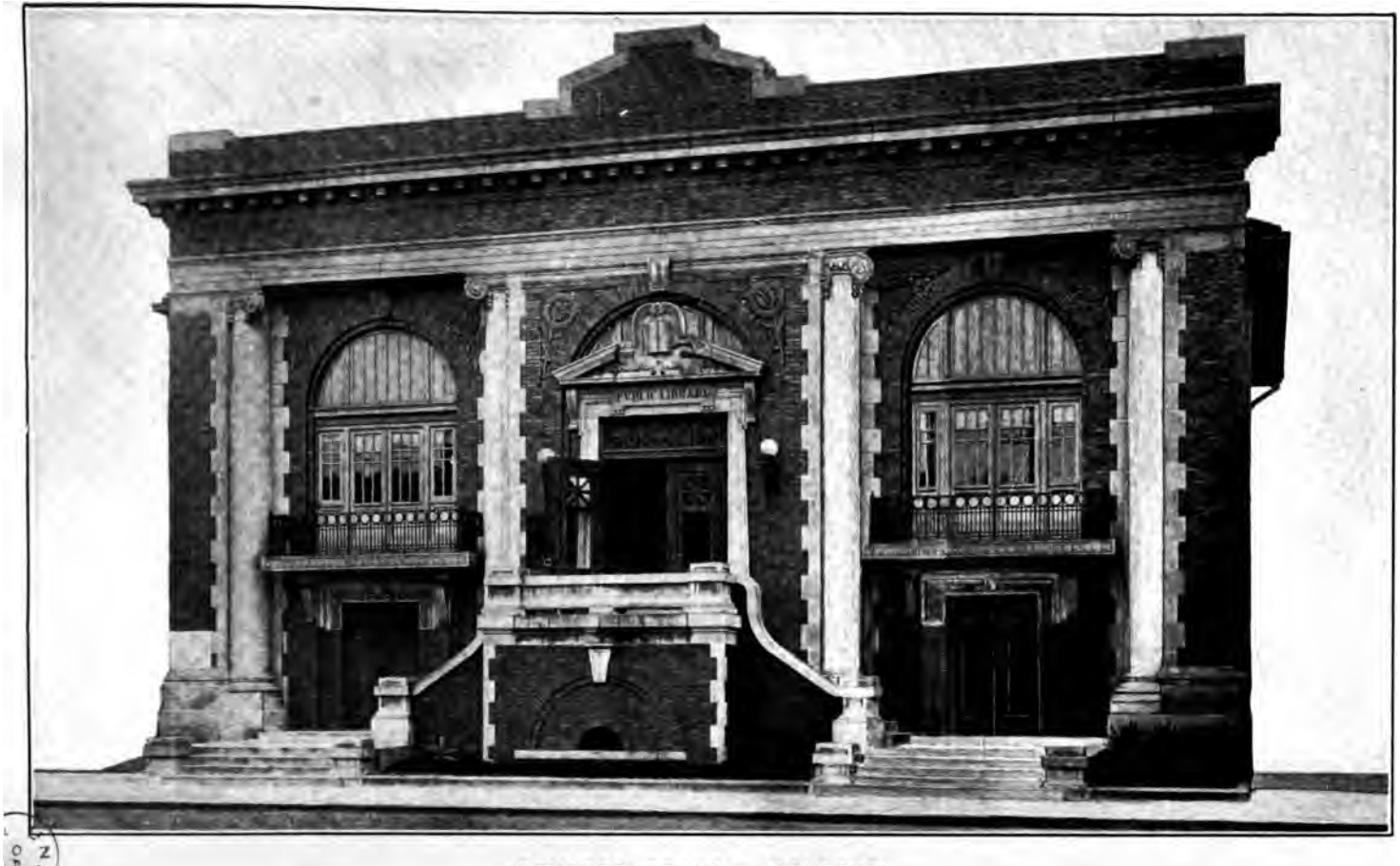
TABLE 2

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1910	218,147	61,381	32,905	38,313	--------	--------
1911	232,757	61,566	37,007	51,138	17,929	--------
1912	243,352	65,904	41,637	60,099	61,876	--------
1913	225,141	65,785	33,275	61,047	62,155	--------
1914	232,871	72,193	37,089	75,017	71,241	--------
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	--------
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188
1923	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763
1924	330,836	84,474	61,591	122,297	103,331	31,299
1925	363,555	93,847	63,518	149,589	109,540	40,160
1926	385,758	97,724	65,708	169,180	111,499	42,448

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1926

TABLE 3

1905	99,100	1916	517,125
1906	98,749	1917	500,918
1907	97,316	1918	467,967
1908	245,559	1919	477,974
1909	325,057	1920	480,603
1910	350,746	1921	543,074
1911	400,397	1922	625,997
1912	472,868	1923	658,837
1913	447,403	1924	733,828
1914	488,411	1925	820,209
1915	495,504	1926	872,317



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)



Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1922 1926

TABLE 4

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Central Library	134,212	135,877	157,698	166,183	175,136
Royal Branch	41,348	40,637	41,946	47,473	49,069
Algiers Branch	31,014	28,029	29,895	29,944	31,232
Napoleon Branch	51,766	56,980	71,894	82,482	93,647
Canal Branch	44,208	52,272	57,185	57,731	57,818
Dryades Branch	4,340	6,106	6,529	9,278	9,985
Totals	306,888	319,901	365,147	393,091	416,887

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1922-1926

TABLE 5

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Central Library	36,067	38,533	43,111	51,364	55,706
Royal Branch	21,279	19,459	20,162	22,684	24,897
Algiers Branch	19,808	16,800	17,188	18,399	19,020
Napoleon Branch	20,425	21,257	21,415	27,459	29,405
Canal Branch	19,734	21,118	22,766	24,692	25,077
Dryades Branch	4,488	7,153	7,507	11,623	12,086
Totals	121,801	124,320	132,149	156,221	166,191

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1922-1926

TABLE 6

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Central Library	170,279	174,410	200,809	217,547	230,842
Royal Branch	62,627	60,096	62,108	70,157	73,966
Algiers Branch	50,822	44,829	47,083	48,343	50,252
Napoleon Branch	72,191	78,237	93,309	109,941	123,052
Canal Branch	63,942	73,390	79,951	82,423	82,895
Dryades Branch	8,828	13,259	14,036	20,901	22,071
Totals	428,689	444,221	497,296	549,312	583,078

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1922-1926

TABLE 7

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
General works	8,221	9,327	9,623	9,558	8,692
Philosophy	4,705	4,818	5,180	5,541	5,215
Religion	2,654	2,860	3,656	3,985	3,875
Sociology	11,045	10,862	11,924	11,510	12,363
Philology	1,631	1,759	1,801	2,051	1,899
Natural science	4,334	4,076	4,719	5,436	5,371
Useful arts	11,087	10,296	10,360	10,105	10,718
Fine arts	6,014	6,340	6,792	6,976	7,395
Literature	20,078	21,141	20,555	20,125	21,593
History, travel, biography	18,439	18,370	21,167	21,205	24,007
Totals	88,208	89,849	95,777	96,492	101,128

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1926

TABLE 8

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	400	551	2,635	1,463	24
Philosophy	113	113	1,381	178	817
Religion	213	144	875	871	318
Sociology	792	339	2,317	1,460	2,297
Philology	99	30	1,372	187	248
Natural science	282	116	1,896	379	1,000
Useful arts	457	313	2,370	908	1,193
Fine arts	397	267	2,301	983	1,274
Literature	1,706	1,285	4,387	3,025	1,352
History, travel, biography	1,463	1,060	4,534	2,604	1,486
Totals	5,922	4,218	24,068	12,058	10,009

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1922-1926

TABLE 9

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
General works	1,091	722	913	1,367	1,084
Philosophy	59	46	103	118	174
Religion	725	935	890	1,590	1,651
Sociology	7,811	8,925	11,018	13,135	16,159
Philology	----	----	----	715	----
Natural science	1,567	2,061	2,672	4,226	3,927
Useful arts	1,326	1,713	2,126	2,312	2,496
Fine arts	1,354	1,947	2,582	2,586	2,638
Literature	3,285	3,972	7,192	13,455	14,746
History, travel, biography	4,155	4,954	6,754	10,012	10,913
Totals	21,373	25,275	34,250	49,516	53,788

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1926

TABLE 10

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	----	472	1,415	142	----
Philosophy	23	59	386	36	513
Religion	542	350	477	1,077	551
Sociology	7,458	4,553	6,167	8,157	3,211
Philology	196	8	----	----	----
Natural Science	1,194	629	3,203	593	1,062
Useful arts	874	486	2,368	914	1,041
Fine arts	1,305	821	2,222	1,155	1,248
Literature	2,973	1,851	2,782	2,348	1,327
History, travel, biography	3,271	2,009	3,040	2,124	1,415
Totals	17,836	11,238	22,060	16,546	10,368

Total Circulation of Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1922-1926

TABLE 11

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Central Library	109,581	115,124	130,027	146,008	154,916
Royal Branch	20,029	22,595	22,366	23,690	23,758
Algiers Branch	13,197	14,924	14,508	15,175	15,456
Napoleon Branch	19,169	24,037	28,988	39,648	46,128
Canal Branch	17,972	20,432	23,380	27,117	28,604
Dryades Branch	17,360	17,504	17,263	19,259	20,377
Totals	197,308	214,616	236,532	270,897	289,239

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1922-1926

TABLE 12

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
General works	252	322	493	285	254
Philosophy	180	148	192	176	286
Religion	178	221	160	271	395
Sociology	1,608	1,220	1,227	769	1,908
Philology	17	14	107	89	57
Natural science	469	358	514	378	546
Useful arts	6734	544	525	592	845
Fine arts	434	529	492	494	505
Literature	705	810	1,366	1,290	1,239
Travel	277	403	267	359	602
Biography	459	580	442	506	544
History	459	691	452	428	574
Fiction	6,718	5,455	8,669	6,780	9,486
Totals	12,370	11,195	14,906	12,417	17,241

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Money Received from Fines and Pamphlets, 1926

TABLE 13

Central Library	$5,562.73
Royal Branch	650.61
Algiers Branch	387.43
Napoleon Branch	493.17
Canal Branch	739.05
Dryades Branch	77.39
Total	$7,910.38

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1922-1926

TABLE 14

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	Total
Week Days—						
Reference and Reading Rooms	55,678	52,349	53,996	56,797	60,429	279,249
Newspaper Room	45,219	51,369	58,457	59,321	57,393	271,759
Sundays—						
Reference and Reading Rooms	2,613	2,609	2,764	2,429	2,526	12,941
Newspaper Room	2,812	2,935	3,336	3,196	3,474	15,754
Totals	106,322	109,262	118,553	121,743	123,822	579,702

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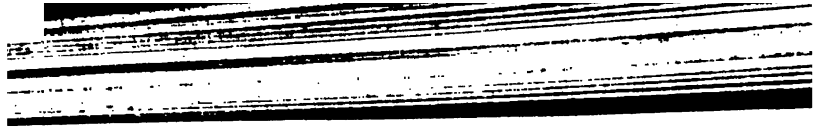
Anita L. Johnson, Assistant in Charge.
Dora E. Guichard, Assistant.
Everett S. Swann, Janitor.

*Promoted during the year to Staff.
**Resigned.



MAIN LIBRARY

UNIV. OF MICH.



New Orleans, La., March 14, 1928.

To the Hon. Arthur J. O'Keefe, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Dear Sirs:

We point with pride to the very able, interesting and statistical report of the Librarian and of the various officials of the New Orleans Public Library, Fisk Library, and Simon Hernsheim Library which is herewith submitted for your consideration. Therein you will find a complete statement of the workings of this branch of the City Government, both in its literary and financial statement, the immense good it has done, that it is doing, and that it will do for the people of New Orleans with the assistance of your Honorable body which you have hitherto so graciously extended and which we hope you will continue to extend.

These reports after careful perusal I am sure will be a source of gratification to your administration.

Succinctly stated the circulation of books for the year 1927 was as follows:

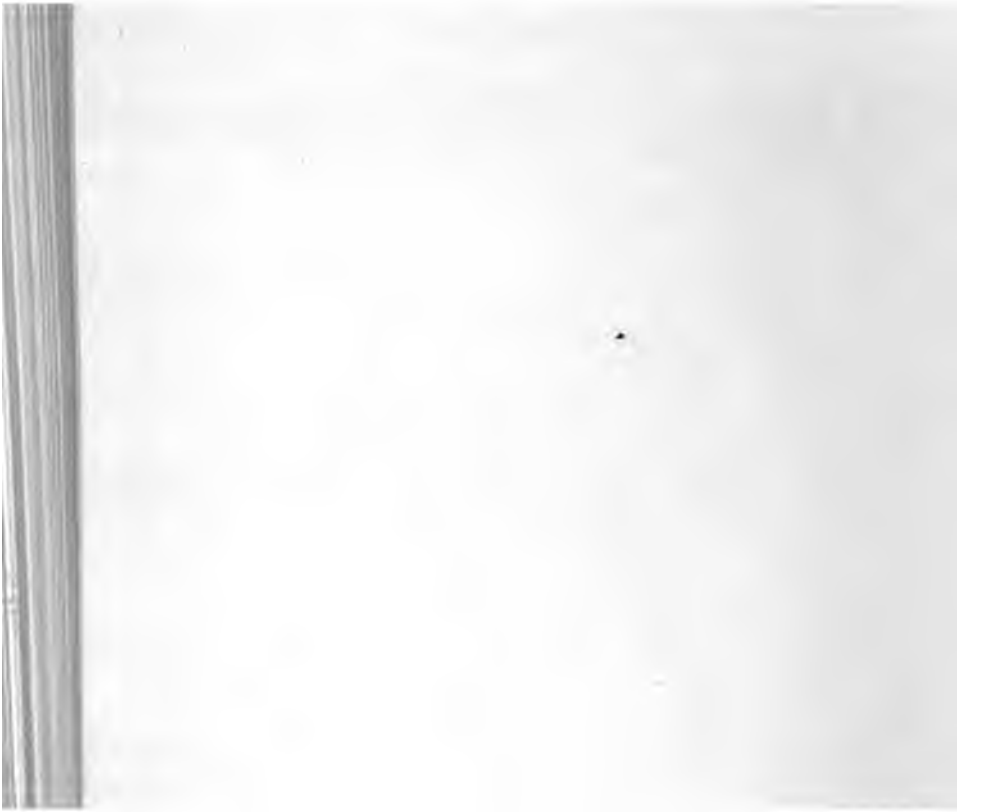
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Dryades Branch	40,067
Main Library	414,616
Making a total of	916,825

The number of borrowers of books now withdrawing books is 38,000 and the number of readers in the several reading rooms is nearly 179,433.

The Board of Directors and the Librarian and his assistants are in full accord in the propagation and advancement of the interests of the Public Library, and are earnestly endeavoring to carry out the objects for which it was organized.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. CLAIBORNE,
President.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1927

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Public Library.

Gentlemen:

Each year, with the writing of the annual report a librarian feels more and more that his statement is not the record of the performance of a usual, customary duty, a report of a precise business like effort for efficient and economic accomplishment but rather that it is the record of a stewardship burdened with a responsibility more than the ordinary one. The work of the library in assisting in choosing the books of a community and of providing, to a large degree, its opportunities for reading is a most important educational function, and has much to do with the character of the city's future life. It is a truism that it is impossible to have things done without doing them, yet it is distinctly characteristic of human nature that no matter how much we may be enamoured in the end, we too often feel an aversion to the means of its accomplishment. We hestitate and feel no desire to enter into the mechanical drudgery, the minuteness of detail, the mental and physical strain demanded in dexterity of execution, all of which are essential and component parts of the prerequisite work leading to achievement. When one has overcome this aversion, therefore, and has striven earnestly, perseveringly and faithfully to accomplish the greatly desired end, it is a disappointment to feel year by year achievement retarded and delayed by lack of funds.

Our library has now passed its eighty-fourth year and during all of this time many library workers have given their labor ungrudgingly, have spared no pains, no patience, but with unremitting toil and without ever losing hope have striven, through the library, to assist the other agencies of instruction and culture to educate the people of our community. Always our handicap has been lack of money, and our library is operating to-

day on considerably less than half of the average per capita allotment of cities of three hundred thousand and over. Our greatest need has been partially met by the appropriation of the Commission Council of $20,000.00, the initial appropriation for the purchase of a site and for the erection of a branch library building in the Carrollton section of the city. The rapid growth of our city in several directions, however, presents the urgent need of a number of branches.

With our present appropriation for maintenance, the library is unable to engage in advertising campaigns that have been so beneficial elsewhere. We are unable also to undertake in work of adult education, home visiting, story telling, library publications, nor a number of other library activities so successful in other libraries.

Just before the opening of the year, we lost through death, the President of the Board, Col. Joseph H. De Grange. Col. De Grange had been a member of the Library Board for over twenty years and had given much time and energy to promoting the interest of the library. A fitting memorial expressing the sorrow of the Board at the loss of their associate was drafted and presented to the family of Col. De Grange. The vacancy on the Board was filled by the appointment of Mr. D. D. Moore. The Board was much pleased to welcome back into its membership Mr. Moore, who had previously been a very vigorous and able member.

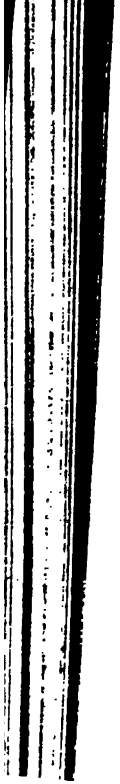
I wish to acknowledge the generous gift of books made by the Educational Department of France through the Honorable Maurice de Simonin, Consul General of France to New Orleans.

The utmost endeavor was made, as usual, to cooperate with the schools of the city during their regular terms and with the two summer schools.

The celebration of Children's Book Week was again a success. The books that we considered were read as a direct result of Book Week numbered 10,900. It is both profitable and amusing to read the thousands of undirected and uninfluenced criticisms of these books



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submitted by the boys and girls who have just finished reading them.

During the year three hundred and thirty-six visits were paid to the various schools of the city to co-ordinate our work in providing parallel reading and study material for the students; 49,500 books were distributed through the schools to the pupils in the primary and grammar grades. Numerous reading lists and study lists were furnished to hundreds of teachers.

Our Main Library building and the five branches are in a good state of repair. The new heating plant, however, which was promised by the Commission Council for the Canal Branch has not yet been installed.

The hours of the Main Library are from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days and on Sundays from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. The branch hours are from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M. except that in the Summer months the branch libraries also remain open until 9 P. M.; and the Dryades Branch, the colored branch, is open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on week days and each Sunday from 2 to 6 P. M. This schedule requires two corps of workers each day for each of the six buildings, yet our entire force including staff members, pages. clerks, janitors, porters and an engineer numbers only fifty-three.

Each member of the staff and the pages are allowed an annual maximum vacation of twenty-seven days; the other workers a vacation of fifteen days.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books during the year was 38,080. In addition to these borrowers 179,433 persons read in the several reading rooms.

Our collection of books numbers 235,068. Of this number 146,849 are in the Main Library; 18,957 in the Royal Branch; 19,088 in the Algiers Branch;20,160 in the Napoleon Branch; 17,727 in the Canal Branch; and 12,287 in the Dryades Branch. The number of books added during the year was 12,336. The number of books discarded as unfit for further use was 4,051.

MAIN LIBRARY

Circulating Department (Adult)

We still continue to maintain our open stack system even though it entails much more labor and is more

expensive than the closed stack system. It has proved so popular, I doubt that we will ever be able to change it.

Programs as usual were prepared for study clubs and carefully prepared bibliographies were compiled for the colleges and other schools. Some of the most interesting of these bibliographies were:

"Home Reading Lists"; "Modern French Poets"; "English Painting"; "The Epic and Ballad"; "Our Foreign Relations"; "City Planning".

Some of the most popular reading lists and exhibits were:

"Lenten Reading"; "Music"; "Popular Science"; "Ancient History in Non Fiction and Fiction displayed in conjunction with a map of the Ancient World"; "Opera, Theatre and Technique of Singing".

The fifteen titles of fiction having the largest circulation during the year were:

"Arlen, Green Hat"; "Ruck, Kneel to the Prettiest"; "Rinehart, Red Lamp"; "Pedler, Red Ashes"; "Erskine, Galahad"; "Ferber, Show Boat"; "Wren, Beau Geste"; "Beach, Padlocked"; "Tarkington, Plutocrat"; "Ruck, Immortal Girl"; "Dell, Man Under Authority"; "Erskine, Private Life of Helen of Troy"; "Dell, Unknown Quantity"; "Johnson, Children of divorce"; "Wharton, Twilight Sleep".

The fifteen most popular titles of non-fiction were:

"Durant, Story of Philosophy"; "Halliburton, Royal Road to Romance"; "Lawrence, Revolt in the Desert"; "Horn, Trader Horn"; "Lindbergh, We": "Ludwig, Napoleon"; "Dorsey, Why We Behave Like Human Beings"; "Browne, This Believing World"; "Barton, Book Nobody Knows"; "Halliburton, Glorious Adventure"; "Collins, Doctor Looks at Love and Life"; "Beard, Rise of American Civilization"; "DuKruif, Microbe Hunters"; "Hartmann, Vagabond Duchess"; "Beebe, Pheasant Jungles".

The reasonable amount of binding that we have done for the past three years has improved the appearance of our stacks considerably.

Circulating Department (Juvenile)

The work of this department has again been well done. Its circulation for the year was 111,867. Its circulation direct to the pupils of the various schools was 49,500.

The number of books at the beginning of the year in this department was 17,461; the number of additions 2,263, and the number of discards 647, transfers 133; total number at the end of the year 18,925.

The circulation of this department showed an average use of nearly six times per year of each book in the collection.

During the year this department paid three hundred and six visits to the public schools, ten to the private schools, and twenty to the parochial schools.

The three book exhibits and picture displays that were the most popular of the year were:

"Lindbergh and Other American Heroes of the Air"; "The American Flag"; "Famous Events in American History as Illustrated by Famous Prints".

The twelve most popular books of fiction in this department were:

"Alcott, Little Women"; "Aldrich, Story of a Bad Boy"; "Bannermann, Little Black Sambo"; "Clemens, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"; "Clemens, Adventures of Tom Sawyer"; "Jamison, Lady Jane"; Potter, Peter Rabbit"; "Nida, Ah, the Cave Man"; "Spyri, Heidi"; "Stevenson, Treasure Island"; "Wiggin, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"; "Hutchinson, Chimney Corner Stories".

The twelve most popular books of non-fiction were:

"Milne, When We Were Very Young"; "Adams and Atkinson, Book of Giant Stories"; "Crump, Boy's Book of U. S. Mails"; "Parker, Indian How Book"; "Codd, Navy Life in Peace Time"; "Scroggs, Story of Louisiana"; "Hawkes, Shaggycoat"; "Pyle, Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates"; "Stephens, Irish Fairy Tales"; "Lagerloff, Wonderful Adventures of Nils"; Mackay,

House of the Heart and Other Plays"; "Rolt, A Baby's Life of Jesus Christ".

An unusual feature of the year's work has been the large number of advertising illustrators who have sought illustrations and ideas for their work in illustrated children's books.

A room immediately adjoining the Juvenile Room has been prepared as a department in which the work of sending out books to the schools and receiving the returns shall be done. Heretofore, this work had to be done at the extreme end of the building opposite the Juvenile Department.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

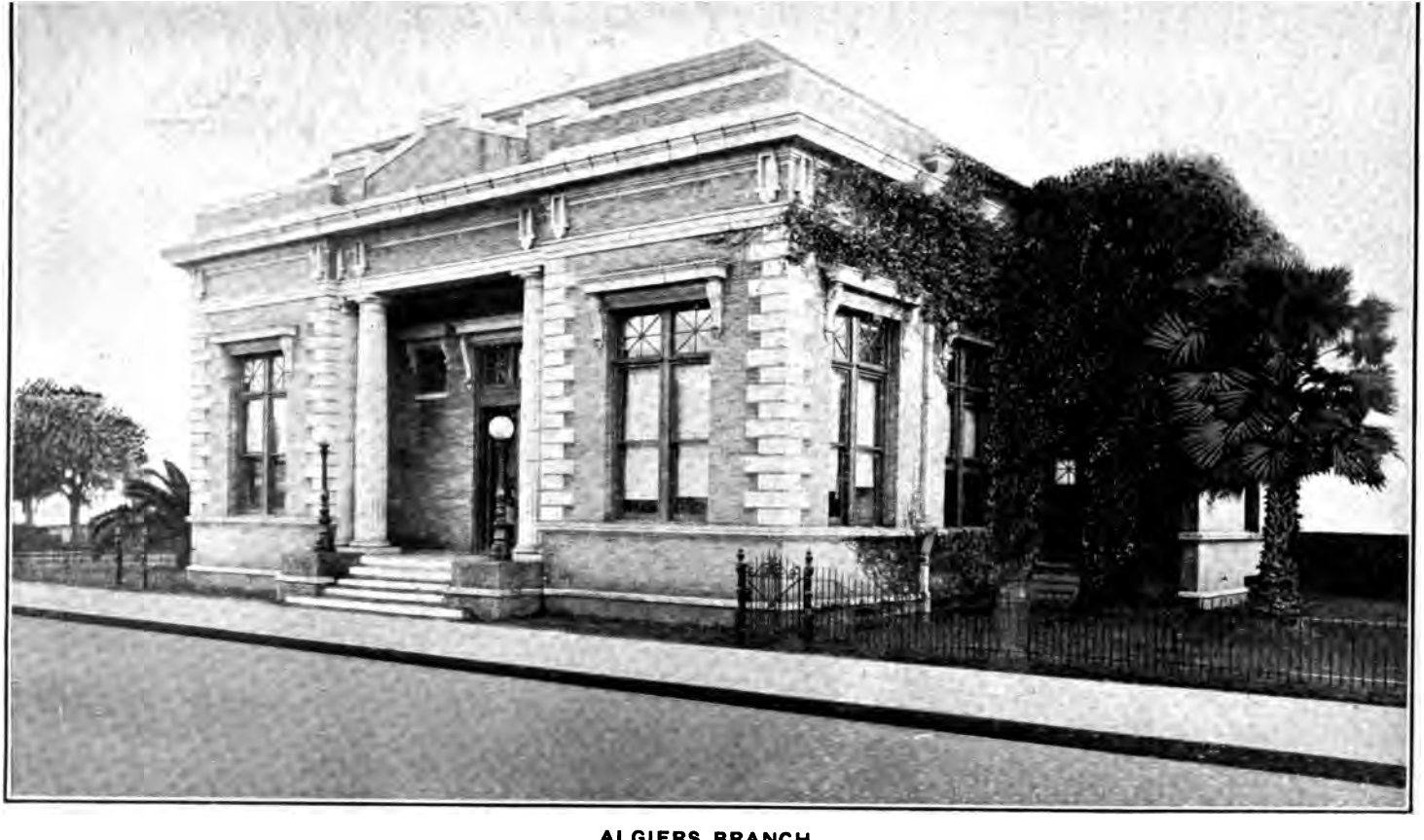
This year the character of attendance in our Reference Department changed completely. Heretofore the general reader and not the college and school student has constituted the larger part of the reference readers. This year the students of the colleges and secondary schools have largely predominated. As the result, the character of work in this department has become more uniform. The department is much more easily managed since our transfer to another room of the lesser used reference books.

The report of attendance shows that of the readers there were more men than women, more girls than boys.

The number of readers in this department was 34,357. The number of books in the reference collection is 16, 027; of this number 7,210 are bound magazines.

The principal additions to the reference collection were:

"Marchant ed., Anthology of Jesus"; "Thomas, Law of Chemical Patents"; "Marraro, Nationalism in Italian Education"; "Haycroft, Degrees and Hoods of the World's Universities and Colleges, 3rd ed."; "Modes Feminines, 2 Vols., Planches en Couleurs"; "Briffaut, Mothers, 3 Vols."; "Weekly, Words, Ancient and Modern"; "Hugon, Morrow's Sword Finder"; "Mellor, Inorganic and Theoretical Chemistry, Vol. 7"; "U. S. De-



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partment of Agriculture, Preventive Damage by Termites or White Ants"; "Comrie, Black's Medical Dictionary, 8th ed."; "Karsner, Human Pathology"; "Musgrove, Cotton Mills Costs, Vol. 4"; "Wooley, Guide to the Study of of Woodworking"; "Nicoll, Development of the Theatre"; "Pijoan, History of Art, Vols. 1-2"; "Major, Domestic Architecture of the Early American Republic"; "Eberlein & Randsdell, Practical Book of Italian, Spanish and Portuguese Furniture"; "McClelland, Practical Book of Decorative Wall Treatment"; "Legouis, History of English Literature, Vol. 1"; "National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, American War Songs"; "Hallenbeck, Spanish Missions of the Old North West"; "Chancellor, Life in Regency and Early Victorian Times"; "Mason, Citizen, Statesman and Philosopher"; "Weigall, History of the Pharaohs, 2 Vols."; "American Battle Monument Commission, Guide to the American Battlefields in Europe"; "Marshall, Aide de Camps of Lee"; "Rowland & Sanders eds., Miss. Provincial Archives"; "Tulane University Expedition to Middle America, Tribes and Temples".

CATALOGING DEPARTMENT

The Cataloging Department does the work of accessioning, classification, cataloging, preparing for the shelves, discarding, preparing for binding and rebinding for the Main Library and all Branches. It also has charge of the transfers of all books and the lending of all books between one Branch and another and the Main Library and Branches, and the keeping of all records required for these library processes.

The recataloging of the library is progressing, not as rapidly as we would wish but, as the department has undertaken to do this work without the addition of a single extra cataloger, we cannot expect very rapid progress.

The Library has practically no list of substitutes upon which it can draw to replace absentees. It has been compelled, therefore, to replace absentees from the Cataloging Department. This year the replacing of absentees has cost the Cataloging Department three thousand and twenty hours that were sadly needed for work in their department.

During the year 12,336 books were accessioned.

Of this number 631 were gifts. The number of books withdrawn this year for discard was 4,051. An average of 1,450 books were added to each of the four white Branches and 1,175 to the colored Branch, this includes transfers.

DOCUMENT DEPARTMENT

United States, State and Local

The United States Document Department constitutes a very valuable part of our library collection. It contains 9,619 bound volumes and 32,844 pamphlets. The additions to the collection this year numbered 225 bound volumes and 3,394 pamphlets. The number of calls for documents was 2,350. We have estimated from year to year that the use of the Patent Gazette alone saves to the citizens of New Orleans $5,000.00 annually. The other calls are almost invariably also of an important nature. The largest number of calls was for the documents of the Commerce Department.

Our State document collection had a few additions; bound volumes 1 and pamphlets 25.

PERIODICAL DEPARTMENT

The library received 314 magazines, exclusive of United States, States, and Municipal Documents. Of this number 105 were gifts. The number of newspapers received is 43. Of this number 12 are gifts.

The number of readers in the Newspaper Room was 57,476, nearly all of whom were men. The number of readers in the Magazine Room was 27,790, here also nearly all of the readers were men.

BINDING AND MENDING DEPARTMENT

Some 6,000 books were sent to the binders for rebinding. About 243 were bound from sheets and a large number of the newly purchased books were resewed, reinforced, and recased before being issued.

Books sent to this department are not kept over three days. This promptness of return to the shelves offsets the slightly increased cost over the cost of books

sent to the binders. In addition to the books sent to the binders our Mending Department recased 6,990 books, of this number 2,500 were completely resewed with the overcast or whipped stitch; and 9,980 were mended.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Each borrower is required to have a guarantor. The borrower's card is now issued for five years. There is a Juvenile Card, an Adult Card; if the borrower wishes to dispense with the guarantor, a Deposit Card, and in the months of June, July, August and September, a Summer Card. On the Juvenile Card two books can be withdrawn; on the Adult Branch Card, three, on the Adult Main Library Card, five, and on the Deposit Card, one. There are now in force 38,082 cards of all character; of this number 12,893 were issued in 1927, 3,113 juvenile and 9,780 adult.

To this department is assigned the Librarian's secretary and the stenographer, and they handle the work of this department, issue all cards, cancel cards, send out all delinquent notices for the Main Library and most of them for the branches, compile monthly and annual reports and do all stenographic and typewriting work necessary to carry on the correspondence of the Librarian. That this latter part of the work is by no means inconsiderable is shown by the fact that the Librarian sent out of his office 12,250 pieces of signed mail.

STAFF (Main Library and Branches)

The Board accepted this year the resignations of Miss Elizabeth Charlton, Miss Natalie Phillpott, Miss Ruth Sanford and Mrs. Hazel Pope.

The promotions from pageship to staff membership included that of Miss Theresa Militello, Miss Carolyn Johnsen, and Miss Ruth Renaud.

The staff was represented at the annual meeting of the Louisiana Library Association by Mrs. Mary G. Jones and Miss Anita McGinty. Miss McGinty read a paper on Work in the Juvenile Department. This

was one of the best received and most commended papers at the meeting.

The absences of staff members and pages have been so numerous this year that our work has been interfered with materially.

BRANCHES

As practically all of the technical library work is done for the branches at the Main Library the branches, though having but two assistants, have ample time for the circulating of books, the minor mending of books, the visiting of neighboring schools, the participation in proper neighborhood activities and the opportunity of developing pleasant relations with their borrowers through personal contact. The extent and character of circulation at several of the branches is changing most decidedly. The residential territory belonging to the Royal Branch has been encroached upon by a commercial district that has probably taken away one-fourth of our branch borrowers. The rapidly increasing population of the residential district in which the Canal Branch is situated is very rapidly increasing the circulation of that branch. The situation in Algiers has remained unchanged since the establishment of the Algiers Branch. The Napoleon Branch, without any apparent reason except the increasing appreciation by the people of its neighborhood of the value of reading, has steadily increased its circulation until it is far in advance of any of the other branches.

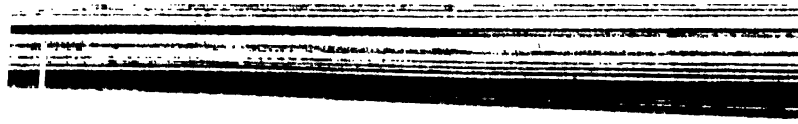
The combined circulation of the Branches was 502,209. The circulation by Branch was:—Royal Branch, 104,607; Algiers Branch, 69,455; Napoleon Branch, 173,341; Canal Branch, 114,739; Dryades Branch, 40,-067. The Napoleon Branch is especially to be commended for the greatest percentage of increase.

The number of borrowers withdrawing books from the Branches is 22,547, and the total number of books in the five Branches is 88,219.

As the library has not sufficient means to operate a delivery system between the Main Library and the Branches, each borrower is permitted in addition to his Branch Card to have a card at the Main Library and,



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in this manner, he can obtain books that are in the Main Library and that would not be placed in the Branches because of infrequent use.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Our list of holidays is somewhat longer than those of other libraries. This has been considered proper, however, on account of local conditions. The holidays adopted by the resolution of the Board are:

From 5 P. M. the day before Mardi Gras to 9 A. M. the next Wednesday; Good Friday; Easter Sunday; Fourth of July; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving Day; December 24th, from 12 M. to December 26th, 9 A. M.; December 31st, from 12 M. to January 2nd, 9 A. M.; and 5 P. M. the evening of Momus parade.

By special resolutions this year the library was also closed:

Labor Day; December 26th; and January 2nd.

A vacation of twenty-seven days, with full pay, is granted each member of the staff and the pages who have worked in the library for the six months preceding the vacation period. All days of absence up to twelve are deducted from this term of vacation, but no vacation shall be less than fifteen days.

The kindly and sympathetic efforts of the Library Board to understand our peculiarly difficult problems and its willingness to aid us in solving them, have done much to lighten the work of the Librarian and the Staff and to make our year a successful one. This genuinely friendly spirit is sincerely appreciated by all of us and we wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation. Likewise, the Librarian wishes to thank the Staff, and the pages and all of the other employees for that measure of loyalty and devotion that they have given to their work that year by year is making our library a better and more useful an institution.

I respectfully submit the above statement and the attached tables as my report for the year 1927.

HENRY M. GILL,
Librarian

February 8, 1928.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Statement for 1927

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1926		$ 540.49
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$76,245.00	
Interest on Daily Balance	49.21	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	4,200.00	
Miscellaneous	109.45	
Investments—Interest on Bonds	980.00	
Investments—I Bond Redeemed	500.00	
Fines—Main Library	6,341.30	
Royal Branch	700.23	
Algiers Branch	388.86	
Napoleon Branch	475.66	
Canal Branch	694.46	
Dryades Branch	66.00	
Depositor's Fund	250.00	91,000.17
		$91,540.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—City of N. O. Constitutional Bonds	$ 1,952.50	
Interest on above	19.55	1,972.05

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$16,633.37	
Periodicals	1,373.90	
Binding	2,166.14	
General Expense	4,887.59	
Heating	183.81	
Printing and Stationery	761.84	
Salaries	40,810.25	$66,816.90

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expense	440.87	
Printing and Stationery	106.82	
Heating	20.50	
Binding	759.64	
Salaries	3,444.55	4,772.38

ALGIERS BRANCH

General Expense	215.75	
Printing and Stationery	101.02	
Heating	57.40	
Binding	262.81	
Salaries	3,442.50	4,079.48
Amounts carried forward		$77,640.81 $91,540.66

Amounts brought forward---		$77,640.81	$91,540.66
NAPOLEON BRANCH			
General Expense	$ 267.54		
Printing and Stationery	101.23		
Heating	40.00		
Binding	462.87		
Salaries	3,421.25	$ 4,292.89	
CANAL BRANCH			
General Expense	520.72		
Printing and Stationery	102.03		
Heating	44.50		--
Binding	610.10		
Salaries	3,400.90	4,678.25	
DRYADES BRANCH			
General Expense	150.08		
Printing and Stationery	77.96		
Heating	48.00		
Binding	----		
Salaries	3,050.65	3,326.69	$89,938.64
Balance			$ 1,602.02
Balance in Banks:			
Marine Bank & Trust Co.	$ 1,026.74		
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	575.28		$ 1,602.02

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1926	$ 124.65	
Interest, Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00	$ 1,604.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	$ 1.523.42	$ 1,523.42
Balance in Hibernia Bank		$ 81.23

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED by the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Annual Library Report for the year ending December 31, 1927.
Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	303

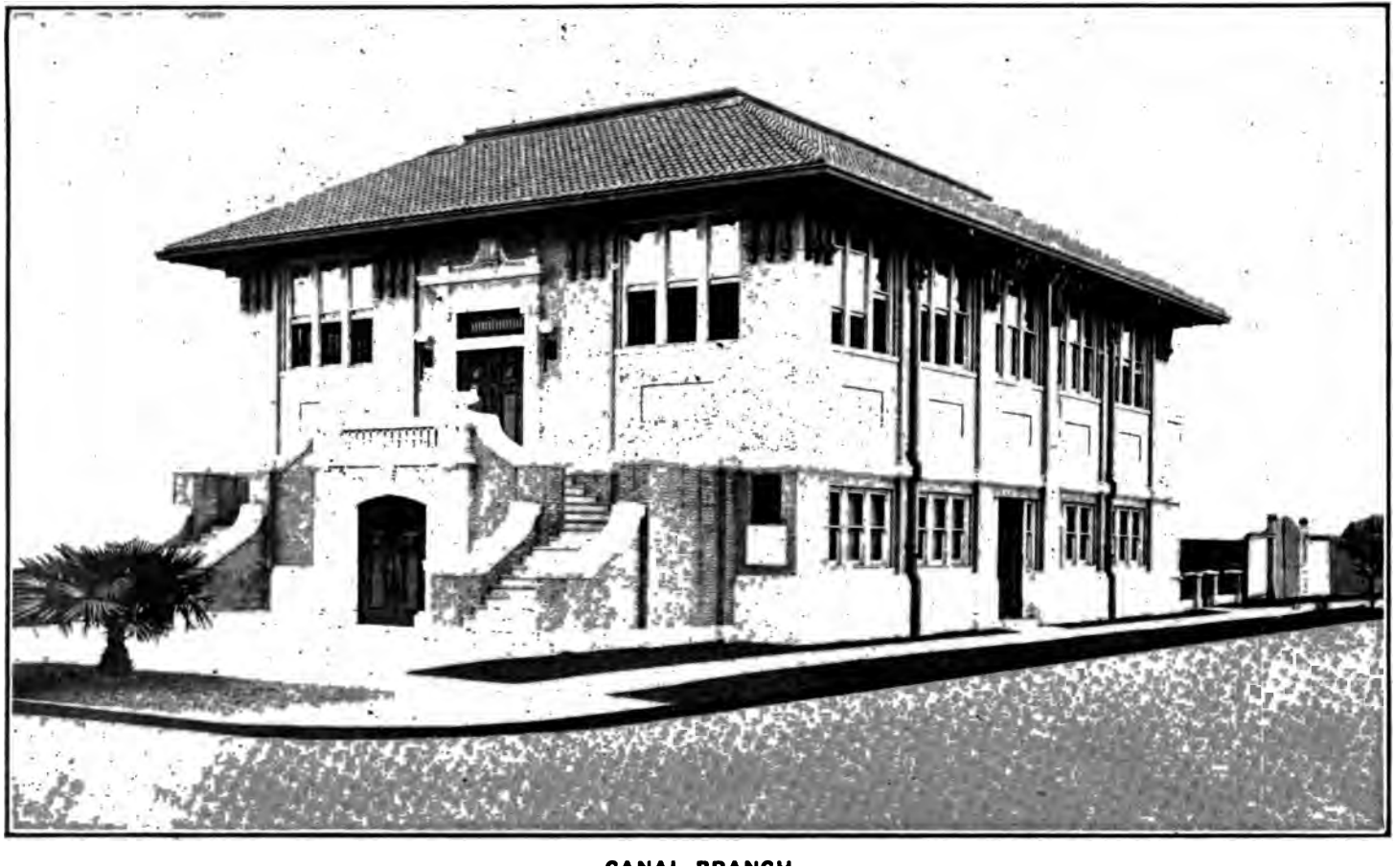
Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	182,945	43,838	226,783
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	6,822	4,883	11,705
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	594	37	631
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,544	1,507	4,051
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	187,817	47,251	235,068
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	406,149	151,661	557,810
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	515,600	252,640	768,240

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 665.14	Books	$18,156.79
Local taxation (city appropriation)	76,245.00	Periodicals	1,373.90
State grants	None	Binding	4,261.56
Endowment funds	5,680.00	Salaries, Library service	48,474.10
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,096.00
Fines and sale of publication	8,666.51	Lights (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent investments	1,972.05
Other sources	1,888.66	Other expenses	8,127.66
		Balance on hand	1,683.25
	$93,145.31		$93,145.31

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	12,893
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (titles not including State or Federal publications)	357
Number of persons using library for reading and study	179,433



CANAL BRANCH

CIRCULATION IN 1927

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Total Circulation, 1927

TABLE 1

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch	Totals
Home Use	364,612	81,392	53,744	145,055	91,322	32,115	768,240
Library Use	50,004	23,215	15,711	28,286	23,417	7,952	148,585
Total	414,616	104,607	69,455	173,341	114,739	40,067	916,825

Annual Circulation, Central Library and Branches 1915-1927

TABLE 2

	Central Library	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
1915	238,786	74,160	39,528	77,761	65,269	-------
1916	240,450	72,854	39,928	77,516	68,854	17,533
1917	230,727	71,734	35,554	78,529	62,633	21,740
1918	203,167	65,977	35,547	75,282	65,429	22,565
1919	215,142	64,370	36,759	72,961	66,716	22,025
1920	219,167	68,183	46,337	58,673	69,336	18,907
1921	250,053	74,762	53,355	70,278	72,393	22,233
1922	279,860	82,656	64,019	91,360	81,914	26,188
1923	289,534	82,691	59,753	102,274	93,822	30,763
1924	330,836	84,474	61,591	122,297	103,331	31,299
1925	363,555	93,847	63,518	149,589	109,540	40,160
1926	385,758	97,724	65,708	169,180	111,499	42,448
1927	414,616	104,607	69,455	173,341	114,739	40,067

Total Annual Circulation, 1905-1927

TABLE 3

1905	99,100
1906	98,749
1907	97,316
1908	245,559
1909	325,057
1910	350,746
1911	400,397
1912	472,868
1913	447,403
1914	488,411
1915	495,504
1916	517,125
1917	500,918
1918	467,967
1919	477,974
1920	480,603
1921	543,074
1922	625,997
1923	658,857
1924	733,828
1925	820,209
1926	872,317
1927	916,825

Circulation of Adult Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1923-1927

TABLE 4

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Central Library	135,877	157,698	166,183	175,136	196,294
Royal Branch	40,637	41,946	47,473	49,069	52,284
Algiers Branch	28,029	29,895	29,944	31,232	35,381
Napoleon Branch	56,980	71,894	82,482	93,647	90,818
Canal Branch	52,272	57,185	57,731	57,818	58,506
Dryades Branch	6,106	6,529	9,278	9,985	9,228
Totals	319,901	365,147	393,091	416,887	442,511

Circulation of Juvenile Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1923-1927

TABLE 5

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Central Library	38,533	43,111	51,364	55,706	60,196
Royal Branch	19,459	20,162	22,684	24,897	27,561
Algiers Branch	16,800	17,188	18,399	19,020	19,378
Napoleon Branch	21,257	21,415	27,459	29,405	30,337
Canal Branch	21,118	22,766	24,692	25,077	27,183
Dryades Branch	7,153	7,507	11,623	12,086	10,642
Totals	124,320	132,149	156,221	166,191	175,297

Total Circulation of Fiction, Central Library and Branches 1923-1927

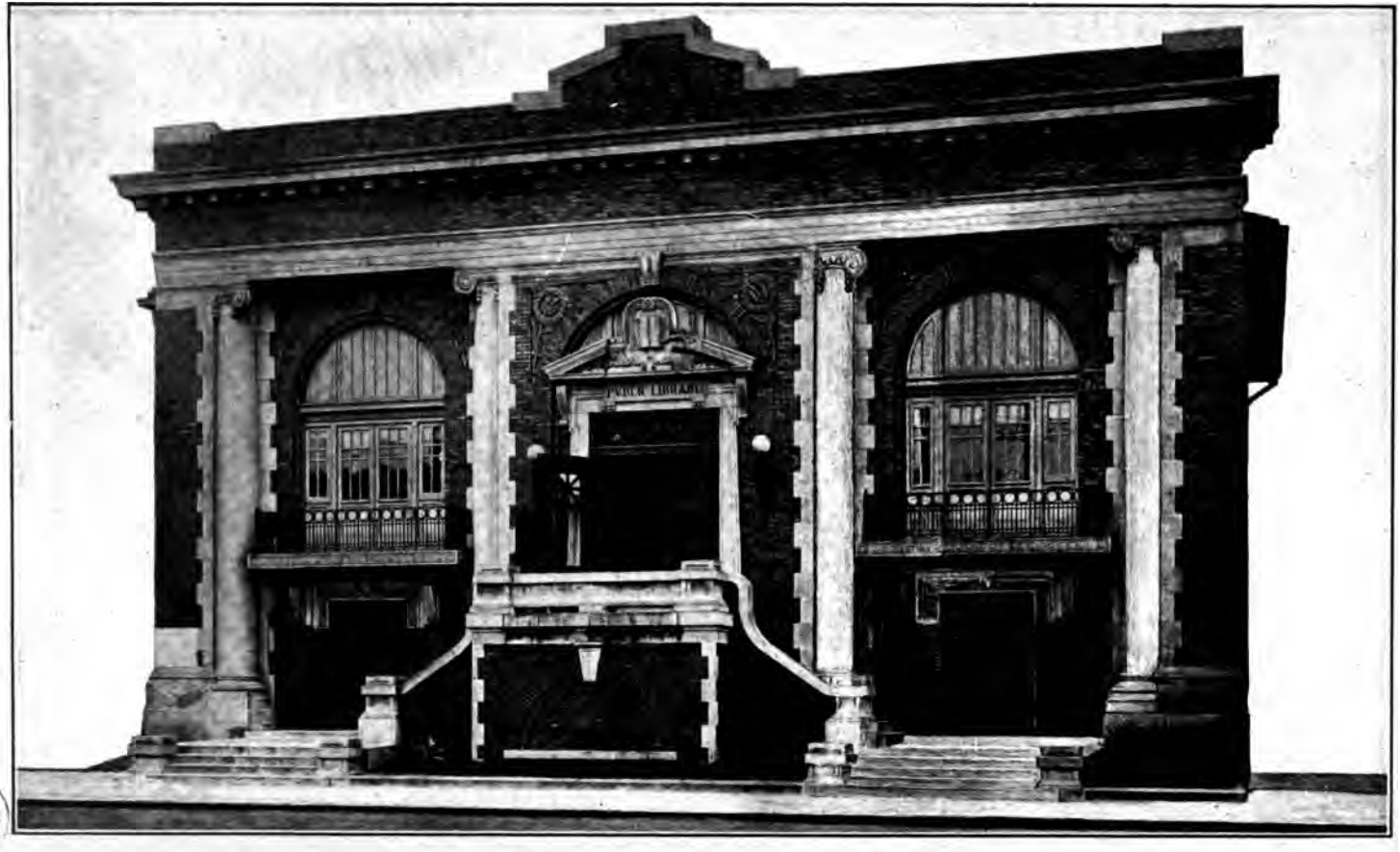
TABLE 6

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Central Library	174,410	200,809	217,547	230,842	256,490
Royal Branch	60,096	62,108	70,157	73,966	79,845
Algiers Branch	44,829	47,083	48,343	50,252	54,759
Napoleon Branch	78,237	93,309	109,941	123,052	121,155
Canal Branch	73,390	79,951	82,423	82,895	85,689
Dryades Branch	13,259	14,036	20,901	22,071	19,870
Totals	444,221	497,296	549,312	583,078	617,808

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1923-1927

TABLE 7

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
General works	9,327	9,623	9,558	8,692	7,561
Philosophy	4,818	5,180	5,541	5,215	5,819
Religion	2,860	3,656	3,985	3,875	4,068
Sociology	10,862	11,924	11,510	12,363	12,767
Philology	1,759	1,801	2,051	1,899	1,822
Natural Science	4,076	4,719	5,436	5,371	5,613
Useful arts	10,296	10,360	10,105	10,718	10,995
Fine arts	6,340	6,792	6,976	7,395	9,102
Literature	21,141	20,555	20,125	21,593	22,361
History, travel, biography	18,370	21,167	21,205	24,007	26,347
Totals	89,849	95,777	96,492	101,128	106,455



DRYADES BRANCH (COLORED)

Circulation of Adult Non-Fiction, Branches, 1927

TABLE 8

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General Works	407	615	2,952	1,809	17
Philosophy	136	184	1,518	198	743
Religion	296	156	1,717	681	268
Sociology	917	329	2,658	1,335	2,342
Philology	104	43	1,516	136	214
Natural science	339	176	2,278	469	1,056
Useful arts	418	345	2,586	887	1,172
Fine arts	461	270	2,524	972	1,257
Literature	1,531	913	4,525	3,858	1,375
History, travel, biography	1,403	1,059	5,028	2,695	1,387
Totals	6,012	4,090	27,302	13,040	9,831

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Central Library, 1923-1927

TABLE 9

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
General works	722	913	1,367	1,084	1,488
Philosophy	46	103	118	174	117
Religion	936	890	1,590	1,651	1,340
Sociology	8,925	11,018	13,135	16,159	17,592
Philology	----	----	715	----	----
Natural science	2,061	2,672	4,226	3,927	3,324
Useful arts	1,713	2,126	2,312	2,496	2,410
Fine arts	1,946	2,582	2,586	2,638	2,454
Literature	3,972	7,192	13,455	14,746	11,896
History, travel, biography	4,954	6,754	10,012	10,913	11,050
Totals	25,275	34,250	49,516	53,788	51,671

Circulation of Juvenile Non-Fiction, Branches, 1927

TABLE 10

	Royal Branch	Algiers Branch	Napoleon Branch	Canal Branch	Dryades Branch
General works	0	560	928	336	0
Philosophy	31	45	456	37	799
Religion	532	308	1,009	784	589
Sociology	7,967	4,618	7,166	7,138	2,871
Philology	----	----	----	----	----
Natural science	1,355	546	3,755	742	1,034
Useful arts	1,023	421	2,603	820	1,119
Fine arts	1,261	657	2,256	1,139	1,224
Literature	3,150	1,677	2,983	2,628	1,336
History, travel, biography	3,431	1,772	3,728	2,386	1,394
Totals	18,750	10,604	24,884	16,010	10,366

Total Circulation of Non-Fiction, Central Library and Branches, 1923-1927

TABLE 11

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Central Library	115,124	130,027	146,008	154,916	158,126
Royal Branch	22,595	22,366	23,690	23,758	24,762
Algiers Branch	14,924	14,508	15,175	15,456	14,694
Napoleon Branch	24,037	28,988	39,648	46,128	52,186
Canal Branch	20,432	23,380	27,117	28,604	29,050
Dryades Branch	17,504	17,263	19,259	20,377	20,197
Totals	214,616	236,532	270,897	289,239	299,015

Classification of Books Accessioned, 1923-1927

TABLE 12

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
General works	322	493	285	254	213
Philosophy	148	192	176	286	119
Religion	221	160	271	395	156
Sociology	1,220	1,227	769	1,908	1,216
Philology	14	107	89	57	32
Natural science	358	514	378	546	379
Useful arts	544	525	592	845	334
Fine arts	529	492	494	505	352
Literature	810	1,366	1,290	1,239	589
Travel	403	267	359	602	499
Biography	380	442	506	544	391
History	691	452	428	574	295
Fiction	5,455	8,669	6,780	9,486	7,762
Totals	11,195	14,906	12,417	17,241	12,336

CENTRAL LIBRARY AND BRANCHES

Money Received from Fines and Pamphlets, 1927

TABLE 13

Central Library	$6,341.30
Royal Branch	700.23
Algiers Branch	388.86
Napoleon Branch	475.66
Canal Branch	694.46
Dryades Branch	66.00
Total	$8,666.51

Number of Readers in Reference, Reading and Newspaper Rooms, Central Library, 1923-1927

TABLE 14

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Week Days—					
Reference and Reading Rooms	52,349	53,996	56,797	60,429	59,439
Newspaper Room	51,369	58,457	59,321	57,393	54,089
Sundays—					
Reference and Reading Rooms	2,609	2,764	2,429	2,526	2,708
Newspaper Room	2,935	3,336	3,196	3,474	3,387
Totals	109,262	118,553	121,743	123,822	119,623

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*Resigned. **Transferred to Nix Branch in December.

Growth of New Orleans Public Library in Twenty Years

	1910	1920	1930
Number of Books Accessible to Readers	100,112	170,582	254,675
Borrowers' Cards in Use at End of Year	17,044	21,531	54,528
Total Circulation of Books for the Year	350,746	486,605	1,030,421

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library Building
1031 St. Charles Avenue, at Lee Circle
Open week days 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
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Open 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. week days
Royal Branch, Royal and Frenchmen Streets
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Other Branches are not open on Sundays.



New Orleans, February 27, 1931.

To the Hon. T. Semmes Walmsley, Mayor, and Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present to you the Report of the New Orleans Public Library for the year 1930.

We desire to direct your particular attention to the great progress of our Library. In the year 1903 the Report of the Librarian shows 53,933 books; according to our Report for the year 1930 there are upon the shelves of the Library 254,675 books.

The number of books borrowed for circulation, according to the same report for the year 1903, for that year was 107,697. The number of books borrowed during last year was 1,030,421, almost ten times as many.

The number of books accessioned during last year by purchase was 13,949.

In the year 1903 the Library had only one home, "the Main Library," with one room. Today an artistic building with many rooms graces St. Charles Avenue, the generous gift of a literary enthusiast, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and six branches are its proud assistants, five being donated by the same philanthropist, and the last, the Carrollton Branch, was erected by the city on a site donated by our Doctor Jas. T. Nix and his brothers. Yet the cry is for more Libraries. While the front portion of the city, up and down town, has its Libraries, the rear portion and the lower district are without this advantage. Additional Libraries are required along Broad Street and to the West thereof, and down in the Third District.

We desire to call your attention to that part of the Librarian's Report which calls for more book space and shelves in the Main Library, and necessary repairs to the

Branch Libraries. Of course, that is beyond the ability of this Board to do without your assistance or a greater appropriation, which we beseech from you.

If, after reading this Report, you find the Board worthy of praise, which I hope you will, please tell your friends. If, on the other hand, you find fault, please tell us; for which we will not take offense, but, on the contrary try to do better, with your assistance. Of course, we shall find critics.

"The little fleas that do us tease,
Have other fleas to bite 'em,
And they in turn, have other fleas
So on ad infinitum."

I cannot conclude these remarks without rendering praise where praise is due. I refer to the seven active members of the Board. They have been diligent and impartial. No meeting of the Board has ever failed for want of a quorum, and they have not been found wanting in the performance of their duties. The same may be said of the able and conscientious Librarian and Secretary-Treasurer. Great praise is due to the members of the staff, who have been punctual in their attendance and faithful in their arduous work. They have given such a good name to the position of "Assistant Librarian" that the applications for the position are more numerous than we can grant, much to our regret.

The secret of our success in the past and the assurance of our progress in the future is the harmony that has existed between us all, officers and employees. With the continuance of that harmony, and, last but not least, with your moral support and increased financial assistance we will continue to make a record of which you and we shall be proud.

With assurance of our loyalty and regard and with best wishes for your individual and official success, we remain, I for all of us,

CHAS. F. CLAIBORNE,
President.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

New Orleans, February 27, 1931.

To the President and Board of Directors, New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen:

There is everywhere evidence that the people of New Orleans are taking greater interest than ever before in the Public Library, and are expecting more and better service. Business and professional men in constantly increasing numbers are calling upon the library for assistance and information that will help them solve business problems and keep them informed as to new ideas and new methods that are being suggested or applied in other sections or other countries. Men and women, young and old, in all walks of life, are coming to the library for reading matter of every kind, and the facilities of the library are being used by the students of schools and universities more than ever before. There is a steadily increasing demand for books from the lower and intermediate grades of the public schools that taxes our facilities to the limit. The juvenile department, the reference department, the open stacks and the magazine and newspaper rooms of the Main Library are attracting more readers than heretofore, and what is true of the Main Library is also true of each of the branches.

The Public Library can now, for the first time, report the circulation of more than a million books in one year—the total circulation for 1930 being 1,030,421. Of this number, 861,559 were taken for reading in the home and 168,862 were read in the library. The Main Library supplied 468,413 volumes for home reading and 66,817 for library use. The number of readers in the reference department, magazine and newspaper reading rooms of the Main Library was 148,297.

Borrowers' cards were issued at the rate of more than a thousand per month, and at the close of the year there were 54,528 such cards in use, an increase of 12,130 over the previous year.

More than twenty thousand pieces of first-class mail were sent out of the Main Library during the past year.

The steady growth of the Public Library system is best told in comparative figures: At the end of 1910 there were 100,112 books in the Main Library and branches, 17,044 borrowers' cards in use, and the circulation for that year was 350,746. In 1920 there were 170,582 books, 21,531 borrowers' cards and the circulation 480,603. In 1930 there were 254,675 books, 54,528 borrowers' cards, and the circulation 1,030,421.

Books accessioned in 1930 numbered 16,387; discarded and lost 9,381. In the Main Library and branches at the close of 1930 there were 254,675 volumes available to readers. There were also United States documents on deposit to the number of 10,054 bound volumes and 40,414 pamphlets, and more than twelve hundred bound volumes and pamphlets of State and City Documents.

During the year a card index was made of every book in the library not listed in the catalogue or among the State and United States documents. This card index included all gifts, surplus stock, books dealing with library matters, etc., and totaled more than eight thousand volumes.

The library subscribed to 241 magazines and periodicals and received 101 as gifts. Thirty-four newspapers were subscribed for and 18 received as gifts.

The most notable gift of books received during the year was the W. O. Hart collection of Dickens and Thackeray (1097 bound volumes and a large number of paper covered books and pamphlets); Mr. G. A. Pfeiffer's gift of "Nippon" (four volumes of which have been received and the fifth expected soon); a collection of Mexican books presented by publishers of Mexico through Mr. A. C. Amador,





consul of Mexico at New Orleans, and a number of books given at different times by Mrs. George Denegre. There was an unusually large number of gifts by individuals, some of them anonymous.

The new Nix Branch Library, at Carrollton Avenue and Willow Street, was opened with a reception to the public on the evening of November 29. Vice-President Charles J. Rivet presided, as Judge Charles F. Claiborne, the president, was unable to attend because of illness. Mr. Williams, Mr. Waguespack, Mr. Wellborn and Mr. Livaudais of the Library Board and members of the library staff were present. Speeches were made by Mayor Walmsley, Commissioner Earhart, Dr. James T. Nix and other prominent residents of the Carrollton section of New Orleans. Many beautiful flowers were received. There was a large attendance of the people of that part of the city, and many expressed surprise and pleasure at the beauty and completeness of the new library. The building, erected by the city at a cost of $30,000, on a site given by Dr. James T. Nix, Mr. John D. Nix, Jr., and Major Ralph R. Nix, is of red tapestry brick with a white stone trim. This branch was opened December 1 for service to the public, with 10,902 books, a very complete equipment of new furniture and fixtures and excellent lighting and heating systems. It has proved to be wonderfully located for service to a large and thickly populated section of New Orleans. The circulation of books the first month totaled 9,890 volumes.

Serious consideration should be given to securing additional branches for the library system. New Orleans has grown tremendously since five of the present branches were erected, and now large residential areas, thickly populated, have no contact with the library. The rerouting of street car lines and the congestion of auto traffic cause many persons who would be glad to make use of the Main Library and its branches to forego that pleasure. As soon as possible a branch should be established where it could best serve that part of the city lying back of Claiborne Avenue and

above the New Basin Canal. Another branch in the rear of the lower section of the city would find an excellent field of usefulness. If a station for the circulation of books could be maintained in or near the heart of the retail business district it would, no doubt, be very popular with the people of New Orleans.

Three of the branches were thoroughly renovated and repaired during the year. The interiors of the Royal, Algiers and Dryades branches were painted, the furniture cleaned and polished and a new system of lighting installed in each of them. The roofs of the Royal and Dryades branches required considerable work. At the Algiers branch the old shelving was cleaned and polished and new shelves added, providing facilities for better displaying and caring for the books. New steel shelves were added to the equipment of the Royal, Canal and Dryades branches. New Catalogue cabinets were placed in four of the branches and the catalogues of all branches were thoroughly revised.

The Librarian has given much time and attention to the branches, and the results have been very gratifying. Each month at least two of the heads of departments in the Main Library visit the branches, to study their problems, to check their shelves or their catalogues and advise with the librarians in charge. This has brought the Main Library and branches closer together and proved beneficial to both.

The attention given to the Dryades Branch during the year has brought very satisfactory results. This work was not undertaken until summer. Then the library was thoroughly renovated, the shelves carefully culled for discarding and rebinding, new books added and the librarians sent to a summer school at Spelman College, Atlanta. The training received by the librarians at the summer school is reflected in their work, which is much better than it was before they had this training. The branch is becoming more widely known and more popular among the better class of negroes. The auditorium is in almost constant use for meetings of various kinds. The book circulation has

increased from 3,000 per month to more than 5,000 in December. The demand for borrowers' cards is steadily growing, 666 such cards being issued during 1930 and most of these during the last four months of the year. The Harmon collection of negro art (paintings, etchings and statuary), was exhibited for eight days in the library during October and attracted several thousand visitors, many of them white persons. The library is kept clean and attractive, the books in proper order and splendid discipline is maintained. Close supervision is given to this branch by the librarian and members of the Main Library Staff.

The work of the public library should be not only to supply books to those who read, but also to encourage the quest of knowledge and to create in the community a love for books—a desire to read. In other words, constantly to be making new readers for books. It is realized that one cannot begin too early to inculcate in the child the love of books, and that the vast majority of adult book readers owe their love for books to the encouragement and training they received during childhood, either from the parent or the teacher.

In 1922 the New Orleans Public Library adopted a plan for circulating books in the grammar schools. This work is directed by the head of the Juvenile department. Through the efforts of the library workers and the interest of teachers, supervisors and parents, excellent progress has been made. In this way about 90,000 books were circulated last year. Every book taken from the library for school use is charged on an individual borrower's card. The teacher assumes responsibility for these books, gives her time to their distribution, sees that they are properly cared for, and that they are returned to the library. Fines are paid on all delinquent books, and all books lost are paid for by the individual at fault.

Many adults come to know the library and to understand its service through this work in the schools. In many cases

the books taken home from the school by the child are read by the parents.

The demand for borrowers' cards and the steady increase in circulation has greatly added to the work of the registration department, making it necessary at times to provide additional help. This department handles all the borrowers and guarantors cards, the notices to delinquent book borrowers, all the correspondence of the library and prepares all statistical reports of the activities of the library. New filing cabinets and another typewriter should be provided for this department.

The Catalogue Department handled a great volume of work during the year. Besides the regular work of cataloguing books for the Main Library and branches, it prepared several thousand volumes for the Nix Branch, revised the catalogues in each of the branches, replaced more than 60,000 old cards with new Library of Congress cards in the Main Library catalogue, handled an unusually heavy amount of discarding from the branches, and at various times during the year provided substitutes for work in the Main Library and branches. This department typed all orders for new books and prepared each month a list of new books for publication in the newspapers and another list, with notes and criticism, for publication in a bulletin.

More calls are being made upon the reference department than ever before, and the work has increased to where it is impossible for one attendant to properly care for it. The librarian has recently arranged for two members of the staff to give to this department all of their time, but even this increase leaves the department with a single attendant during the forenoon and at night. There should be a third attendant in this department. New shelves should be provided, to properly take care of the books of this department.

Serious consideration should be given to the possibility of adding to the main building a mezzanine floor. This would provide additional space for shelves and for other needed departments in the reference and juvenile rooms.



Algiers Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Pelican Ave. and Belleville St.

It can be done in such a way as to add to the beauty of the room, as well as greatly to increase its facilities for usefulness. As the work of all the departments on this floor is steadily increasing, and the number of volumes in each is growing, there is an insistent demand for more shelf space and for seats and tables for patrons using the library. Attention also should be given to the lighting of these departments. The system installed twenty-five years ago has long been obsolete and inadequate. A new and modern system of lighting would add much to the appearance of the departments and to the comfort and pleasure of readers in the library.

The Magazine room is frequently crowded beyond its seating capacity, and the Newspaper reading room is showing a steadily increasing attendance of readers.

Much work was done in the Stacks department during the year in the way of rearranging the books to make them more easily available to the readers and easier for the staff to handle.

The number of books in the Library is increasing at the rate of eight to ten thousand volumes per year. There is not sufficient shelf space in the Main Library to care properly for all the books now on hand. It is imperative that some provision be made as soon as possible to remedy this condition, and to provide for the natural increase that will come with each passing year. Another tier of shelves should be placed above the present equipment of the Stacks department. This would take care of the books provided for borrowers and give much-needed space in the lower tiers for government and state documents, gifts, surplus stock and other books that now are stuck away in every available space to be found on the lower floor of the Main Library. It also would make it possible better to safeguard the property of the library and reduce the number of books stolen. This problem of theft is one that every library has to deal with, and one that appears to be growing in New Orleans.

Attention should be given to the health and comfort of those employees whose work keeps them constantly on the lower concrete floors of the Main Library. It is evident that the young ladies employed in the Catalogue department and the Mending department lose much time because of colds and other ailments that may be traceable to the fact that they are constantly on low concrete floors.

The Napoleon Branch was closed December 1 for extensive repairs made necessary by termites. When this work is completed the building will be practically a new structure except for the outside walls. An entirely new system of lights will be installed, the shelves, desks, tables, and chairs cleaned and polished, and steel shelves will replace the old wooden floor shelves. The books are to be carefully gone over for discarding and rebinding and many new volumes will be added. This work will probably not be completed before the first of April.

The roof of the Canal Branch should have immediate attention and the interior of the building should be painted. A new lighting system should be installed there.

The Librarian wishes to commend the members of the staff of the Main Library and each of the branches for their loyalty to the library, their untiring efforts to give good service to the public, and their hearty co-operation in every undertaking for the advancement and improvement of the library system. He also wishes to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their help and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL D. MOORE,
Librarian.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Statement for 1928

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1927		$ 1,602.02
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$76,300.00	
Interest on Daily Balance	77.42	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	4,200.00	
Miscellaneous, Sales Waste Paper, etc	76.70	
Investments—Interest on Bonds, etc	350.00	
Fines—Main Library	6,505.40	
Royal Branch	651.86	
Algiers Branch	420.50	
Napoleon Branch	506.13	
Canal Branch	697.14	
Dryades Branch	57.70	
Depositor's Fund	129.73	
Refund Group Insurance Premium	825.72	
		90,798.30
		$ 92,400.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—One $1,000.00 New Orleans Improvement Bond No. 691	$ 974.67	
MAIN LIBRARY		
Books	$14,120.47	
Periodicals	1,340.84	
Binding	3,863.81	
General Expenses	4,643.63	
Heating	297.77	
Printing and Stationery	999.72	
Salaries	38,966.85	
Group Insurance Premium	825.72	
Contingent	124.69	
Insurance on Nix Memorial Branch	62.50	
	65,246.00	
ROYAL BRANCH		
General Expenses	$ 285.41	
Printing and Stationery	127.01	
Heating	99.00	
Binding	304.48	
Salaries	3,402.60	
	4,218.50	
ALGIERS BRANCH		
General Expenses	$ 299.24	
Printing and Stationery	120.51	
Heating	89.20	
Binding	108.65	
Salaries	3,440.00	
	4,057.60	
Amounts carried forward	$74,496.77	$ 92,400.32

Amounts brought forward		$74,496.77	$ 92,400.32
NAPOLEON BRANCH			
General Expenses	$ 283.55		
Printing and Stationery	146.26		
Heating	55.50		
Binding	241.45		
Salaries	3,434.65		
		4,161.41	
CANAL BRANCH			
General Expenses	$ 369.25		
Printing and Stationery	154.01		
Heating	56.00		
Binding	297.33		
Salaries	3,397.40		
Contingent	272.56		
		4,546.55	
DRYADES BRANCH			
General Expenses	$ 244.42		
Printing and Stationery	97.70		
Heating	70.00		
Binding	23.16		
Salaries	3,104.35		
		3,539.63	86,744.36
Balance			$ 5,655.96
Balance in Banks:			
Canal Bank & Trust Co.	$ 5,424.64		
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	231.32		
			$ 5,655.96

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1927	$ 81.23	
Interest, Board of Liquidation Trustees	1,480.00	
		$ 1,561.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	697.57
Balance in Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	$ 863.66

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.





NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Statement for 1929

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1928		$ 5,655.96
Simon Hernsheim Balance from 1928		863.66
City of New Orleans Appropriation (Main)	$76,300.00	
City of N. O. Appropriation (Carrollton)	7,656.65	
Interest on Daily Balance	226.21	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	4,200.00	
Miscellaneous, Sales Waste Paper, etc.	119.53	
Investments—Interest on Bonds, etc.	1,110.00	
Investments—1 City of N. O. Constitutional Bond Redeemed	500.00	
Fines—Main Library	6,014.02	
Royal Branch	792.62	
Algiers Branch	461.87	
Napoleon Branch	591.30	
Canal Branch	747.90	
Dryades Branch	67.53	
Depositor's Fund	160.92	
Royal Branch, a/c Refund Gen. Expense	3.75	
Simon Hernsheim Fund—Interest, Board of Liquidation	1,480.00	
		100,432.30
		$106,951.92

DISBURSEMENTS

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$15,379.95	
Periodicals	1,719.21	
Binding	3,178.92	
General Expense	4,054.38	
Heating	410.40	
Printing and Stationery	1,103.67	
Salaries	42,027.25	
Contingent	459.91	
Insurance	257.40	
Committments, a/c Contracts 1929	8,742.50	
		77,333.59

ROYAL BRANCH

General Expense	$ 427.73	
Printing and Stationery	68.35	
Heating	86.50	
Binding	390.80	
Salaries	3,376.85	
		4,350.23
Carried forward	$81,683.82	$106,951.92

Brought forward		$81,683.82	$106,951.92

ALGIERS BRANCH

General Expense	$ 154.50	
Printing and Stationery	64.36	
Heating	81.00	
Binding	366.45	
Salaries	3,417.35	
		4,083.66

NAPOLEON BRANCH

General Expense	$ 148.71	
Printing and Stationery	66.72	
Heating	72.80	
Binding	476.15	
Salaries	3,284.50	
		4,048.88

CANAL BRANCH

General Expense	$ 281.19	
Printing and Stationery	76.94	
Heating	66.50	
Binding	522.55	
Salaries	3,214.60	
		4,161.78

DRYADES BRANCH

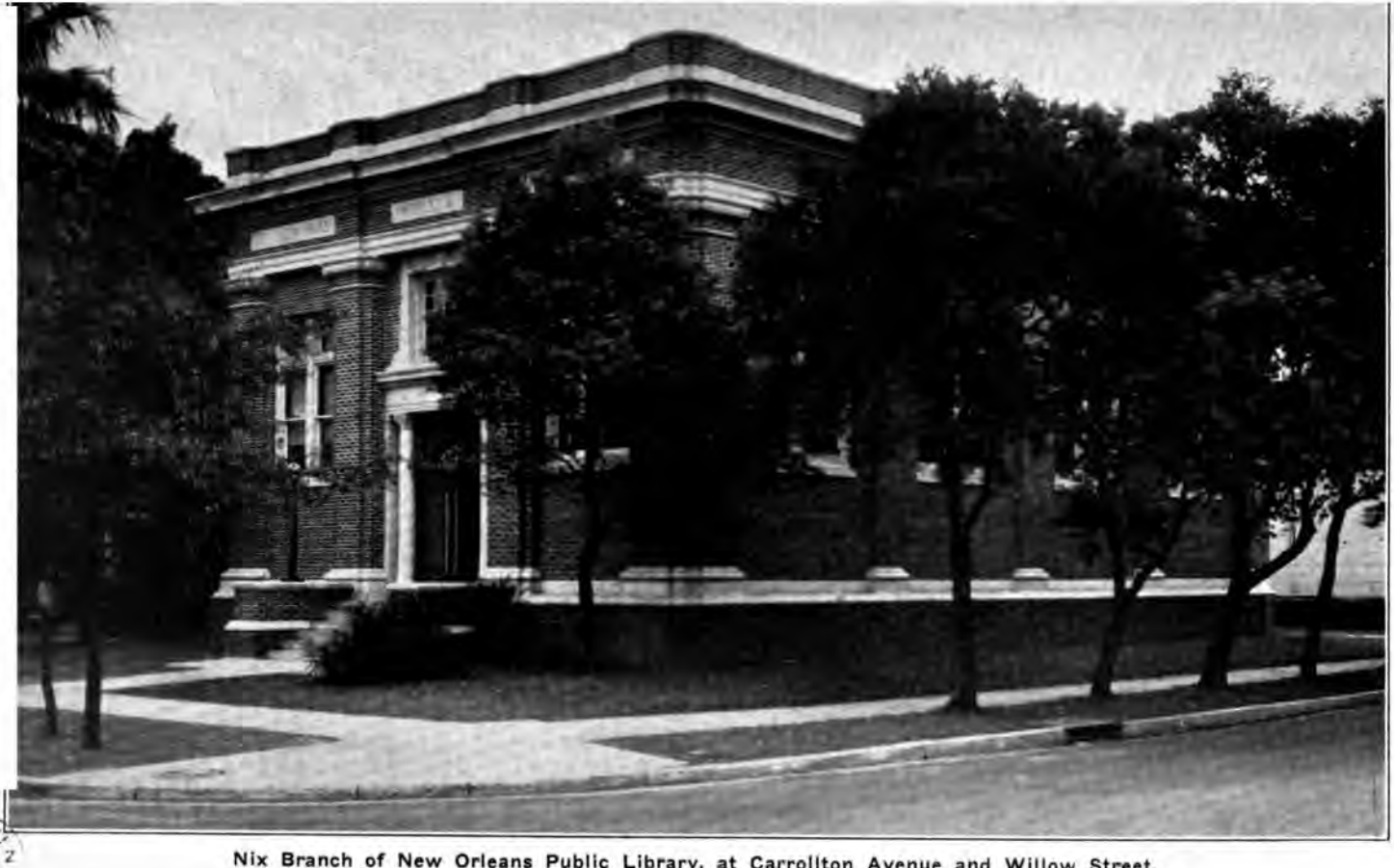
General Expense	$ 178.26	
Printing and Stationery	45.60	
Heating	87.00	
Salaries	3,019.15	
		3,330.01

NIX MEMORIAL BRANCH

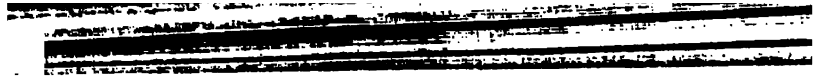
Books	$ 4,162.00	
Books, Outstanding 1929 Contracts	3,253.00	
Printing and Stationery	66.00	
Insurance	5.00	
General Expense	114.11	
		7,600.11

SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

Books	$ 739.61	$ 739.61	$105,647.87
Balance			$ 1,304.05
Balance on Deposit for Committments a/c Contracts 1929			8,742.50
Balance on Deposit Outstanding Contracts for Books, Nix Memorial			3,253.00
			$ 13,299.55



Nix Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Carrollton Avenue and Willow Street.



Balance in Banks:		
Canal Bank & Trust Co.	$10,248.7	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	1,446.72	
Hibernia Bk. & T. Co., (Hernsheim Fund)	1,604.05	
		$ 13,299.55

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., January 8th, 1930.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Statement for 1930

GENERAL FUND

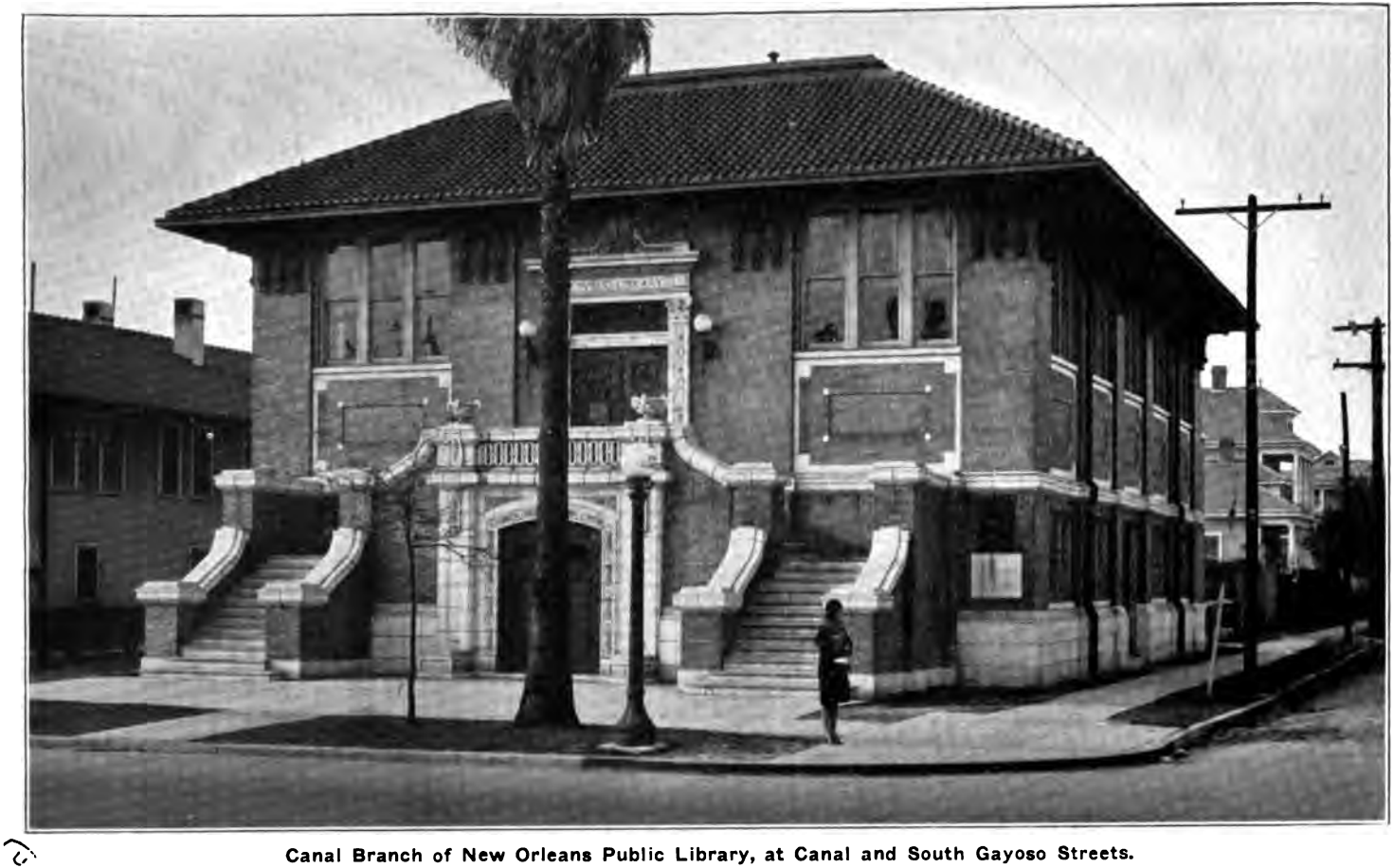
RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1929		$ 2,953.00
General Fund a/c Contracts 1929		8,742.50
City of N. O. Appropriation, Gen. Fund	$73,120.81	
City of N. O. Appropriation, Nix Branch	7,655.72	
Interest on Daily Balance	485.66	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	4,200.00	
Miscellaneous, Sales Waste Paper, etc.	109.78	
Investments—Interest on Bonds, etc.	720.00	
Insurance, Return Prm., Nix. Memo. Br.	39.27	
Fines—Main Library	6,598.74	
Royal Branch	761.08	
Algiers Branch	451.34	
Napoleon Branch	681.64	
Canal Branch	745.80	
Dryades Branch	97.51	
Nix Memorial Branch	14.79	
		$ 95,682.14
	DISBURSEMENTS	$107,377.64

MAIN LIBRARY

Contracts, 1929	$ 4,213.82	
Books	9,709.82	
Periodicals	1,737.27	
Binding	985.45	
General Expenses	4,576.67	
Heating	397.32	
Printing and Stationery	1,116.41	
Salaries	42,245.90	
Depositor's Fund	50.00	
	$65,032.66	
Carried forward	$65,032.66	$107,337.64

Brought forward		$65,932.66	$107,377.64
ROYAL BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 3,264.10		
General Expenses, Repairs, etc.	602.15		
Heating	100.50		
Stationery and Printing	124.50		
Binding	81.05		
		4,172.30	
ALGIERS BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 3,330.50		
General Expenses, Repairs Bldg.	710.79		
Heating	62.20		
Stationery and Printing	130.30		
Binding	147.00		
		4,380.79	
NAPOLEON BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 2,895.25		
General Expenses, Repairs, etc.	572.87		
Heating	43.50		
Stationery and Printing	105.80		
Binding	418.05		
		4,035.47	
CANAL BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 2,956.50		
General Expenses, Repairs, etc.	398.88		
Heating	69.00		
Stationery and Printing	134.00		
Binding	343.45		
		3,301.83	
DRYADES BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 3,017.50		
General Expenses, Repairs, etc.	193.59		
Heating	66.50		
Stationery and Printing	104.75		
Binding	293.55		
		3,675.89	
NIX MEMORIAL BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 327.00		
General Expenses	261.93		
Heating	56.80		
Stationery and Printing	80.35		
Equipment, Shelving	4,230.71		
Books	4,329.60		
		9,286.39	94,485.33
Balance			$ 12,892.31
Balance in Banks:			
Canal Bank & Trust Co.	$12,395.24		
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	497.07		
			$ 12,892.31



Canal Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Canal and South Gayoso Streets.

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

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Name of Library—New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	353
Branches	302

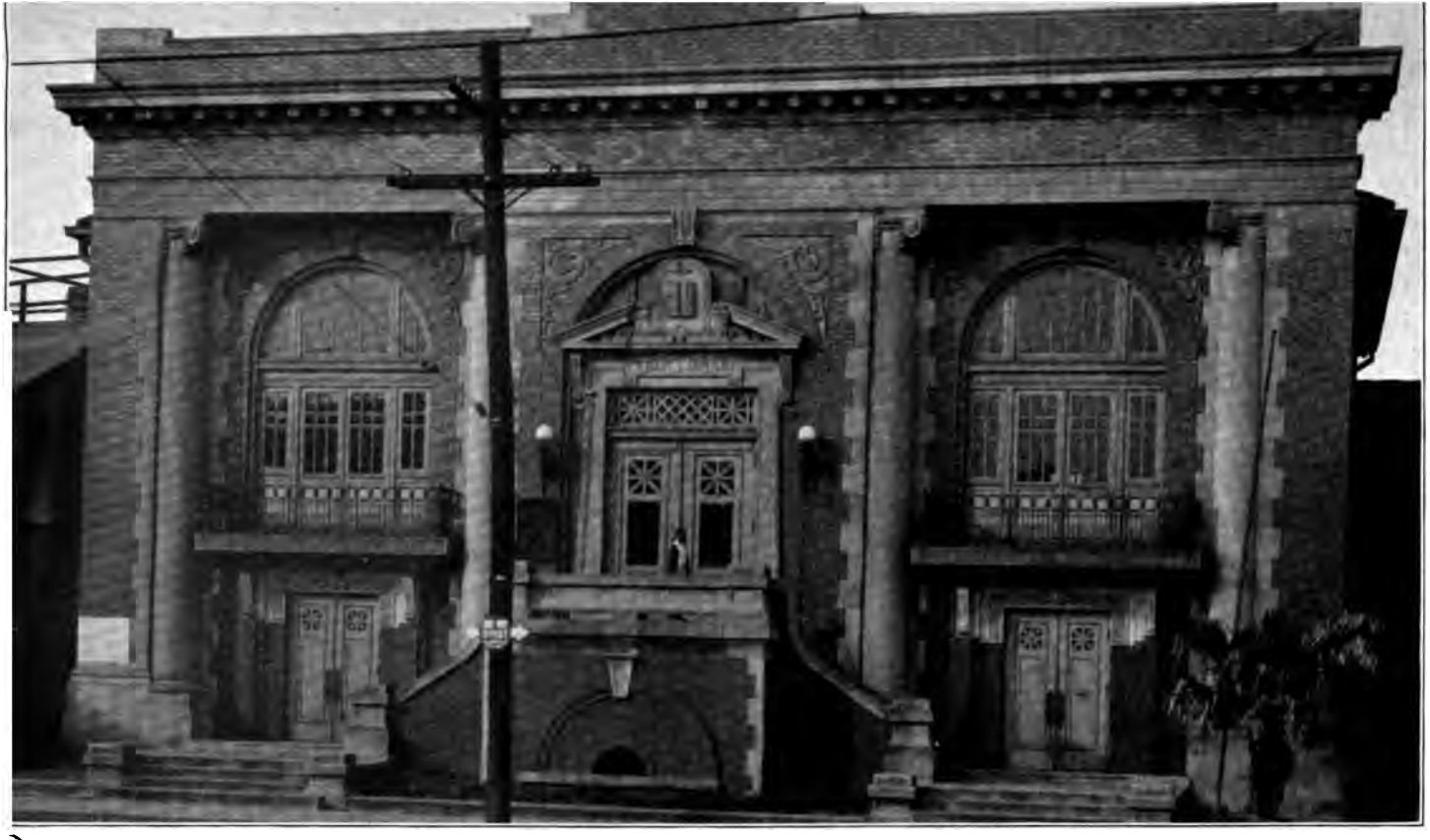
Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	187,817	47,251	235,068
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	5,618	2,278	7,896
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	470	24	494
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	1,862	1,580	3,442
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	192,043	47,973	240,016
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent for home use	113,146	98,069	211,215
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	425,794	153,181	578,975
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	538,940	251,250	790,190

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 1,683.25	Books	$14,818.04
Local taxation (city appropriation)	76,300.00	Periodicals	1,340.84
State grants	None	Binding	4,838.88
Endowment fund	5,680.00	Salaries, Library service	46,590.85
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,155.00
Fines and sale of publications	8,838.73	Lights (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent improvements	None
Other sources	1,459.57	Other expenses	10,698.32
		Balance on hand	6,519.62
Total	$93,961.55	Total	$93,961.55

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	12,505
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	382
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	124,661



Dryades Branch (Colored) of New Orleans Public Library, at Dryades and Philip Sts.



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Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Five.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	303

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	192,043	47,973	240,016
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	8,242	4,348	12,590
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	991	77	1,068
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	5,210	795	6,005
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	196,066	51,603	247,669
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent for home use	117,110	96,408	213,518
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	433,689	150,395	584,084
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	550,799	246,803	797,602

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$ 6,519.62	Books	$20,281.56
Local taxation (city appropriation)	76,300.00	Periodicals	1,719.21
State grants	None	Binding	4,934.87
Endowment funds	5,680.00	Salaries, Library service	49,188.45
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	9,151.25
Fines and sale of publications	8,675.24	Rent	None
Duplicate collection	None	Lights (included in city contract)	None
Gifts	None	Permanent improvements	None
Other sources	9,777.06	Other expenses	8,377.03
		Balance on hand	13,299.55
Total	$106,951.92	Total	$106,951.92

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	8,991
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	416
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	125,987

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City or Town—New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Six.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	354
Branches	303

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	196,066	51,603	247,669
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	9,782	4,167	13,949
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	2,360	78	2,438
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	3,070	6,311	9,381
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	205,138	49,537	254,675
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent for home use	129,330	96,768	226,098
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	488,352	147,109	635,461
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	617,682	243,877	861,559

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$13,299.55	Books	$16,095.54
Local taxation (city appropriation)	80,776.53	Periodicals	1,737.27
State grants	None	Binding	2,268.55
Endowment funds	5,680.00	Salaries, Library service	49,062.80
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	8,973.95
Fines and sale of publications	9,350.90	Lights (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent improvements	4,815.11
Other sources	1,354.71	Other expenses	13,588.23
		Balance on hand	13,920.24
Total	$110,461.69	Total	$110,461.69

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	12,130
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	394
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	148,297

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New Orleans, February 9, 1932.

To the Honorable T. Semmes Walmsley, Mayor, and to the Honorable Members of the Commission Council of the City of New Orleans.

Gentlemen:

As President of the New Orleans Public Library I take great pleasure and pride in presenting to your Honors the Annual Report of the administration and condition of the Library for the past year, 1931—another year of marked prosperity and progress.

The Library is composed of a Main Library at No. 1031 St. Charles Avenue and Lee Circle and of six Branches.

I One at the corner of Royal and Frenchmen;

II Another at the corner of Canal and South Gayoso;

III A third at the corner of Dryades and Philip, for the use of colored persons;

IV A fourth at Napoleon Avenue and Magazine;

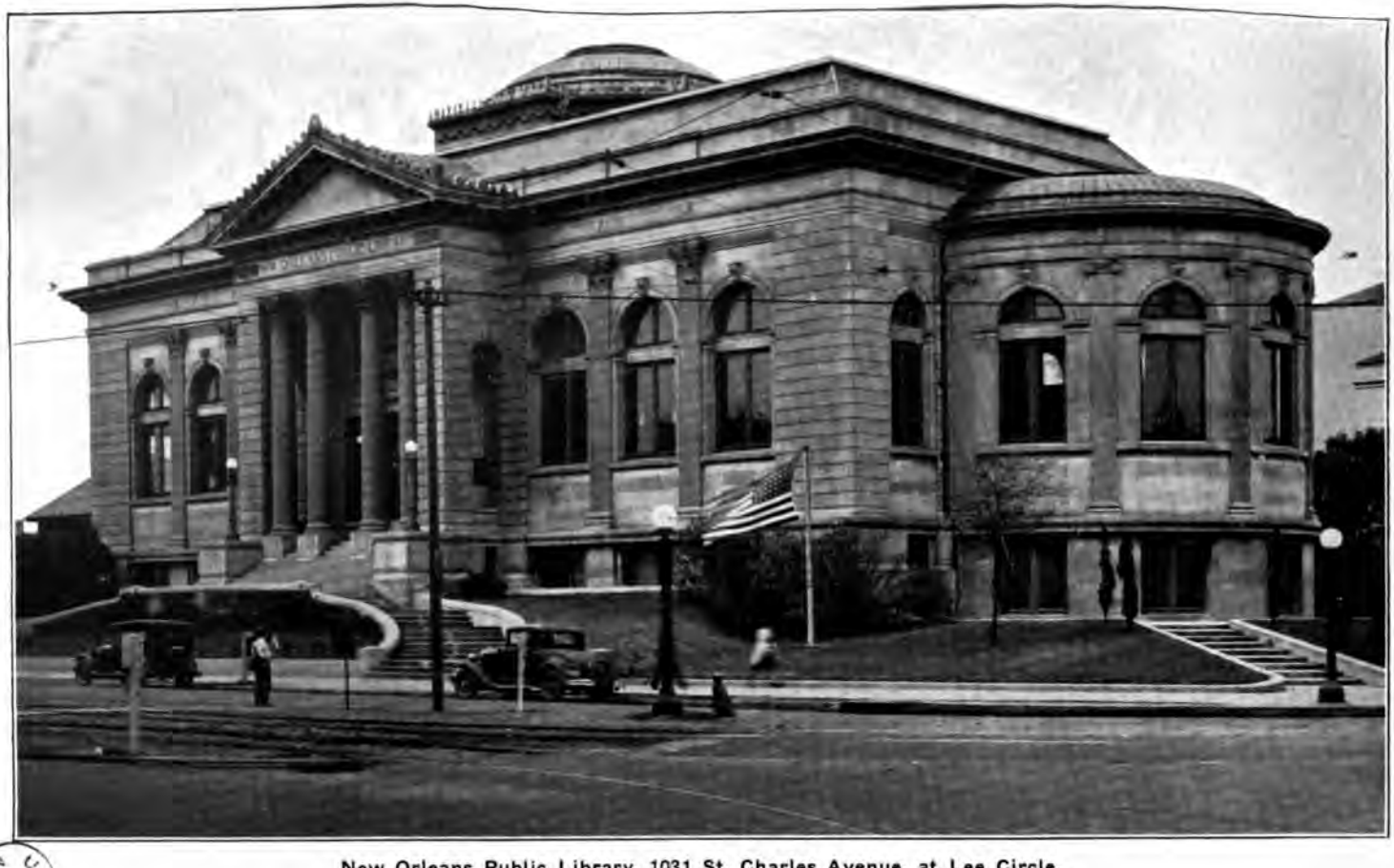
V A fifth at the corner of Carrollton Avenue and Willow, and

VI Sixth, in Algiers, at the corner of Pelican Avenue and Belleville.

The ground with the frame buildings thereon on Carrollton Avenue, estimated at about $20,000, were donated to the city for the purposes of a Library by Dr. Jas. T. Nix and his brothers. The city demolished the frame buildings and erected upon the ground an elegant brick building adapted to Library purposes at a cost of about $30,000.

Photographs for these seven Library buildings are advantageously reproduced in the Annual Report of the Library.

There are about thirty-four library assistants in the Main Library together with two porters and an engineer, and three library assistants and one porter in each of the Branch Libraries, making a total of over sixty employees.



New Orleans Public Library, 1031 St. Charles Avenue, at Lee Circle.

There is only one Librarian. He is expected to direct, manage, and control all these employees in their different occupations, capacities, morals and temperaments. His labor, his opus est! No easy task. With one exception, lately developed, peace has hitherto reigned among these numerous personalities. Nor had we previously heard, with that single exception, any adverse criticism on the management or accessories of any of the Libraries. But on the contrary, we had received many flattering comments concerning both. But facts refute adverse criticisms. The remarkable progress of the Library is the best evidence and argument in its favor. "Silent, dum clamant."

The number of books has increased from year to year. The number of borrowers and readers has followed in proportion. They bear repeating. From the Librarian's report for the years 1928-1929-1930 we are told that in 1910 there were 100,112 books in all the Libraries; in 1920, 170,582; in 1930, 254,675; that in 1910 the circulation was 350,746; in 1920, 486,605; and in 1931, 1,063,713.

All this has been accomplished without increase of late years of the appropriation by the city. Nor has any augmentation been made in the number of library assistants, or other employees, nor in their salary.

The annual appropriation made by the city in favor of the Library is about $75,000, while the Library receives from other sources about $15,000.

In the selection of books all possible care is taken that none but moral literature shall adorn its shelves or be circulated among its readers.

With more money we could do better—erect other Library buildings—repair and improve those we have. Quoting from the Librarian's report of 1930 we need and have annually asked for a more liberal appropriation for more shelves, for repairs and improvements to the roof and interior of existing buildings, and for a new lighting system in the Main Library and in the Canal Street Branch.

In common with other libraries we must guard against abduction of our books. Some of them are stolen each year notwithstanding careful vigilance. I copy the following article from the Times-Picayune of January 21:

"New Haven, Conn., Jan. 20—Yale University librarians are turning inspectors to stop book smuggling. Students using the library's open shelves must check their coats and personally owned books when they enter the building. A turnstile also may be installed, the Yale News said today. The action was taken when a survey showed 250 of 9000 new volumes acquired since the start of the school year were missing."

We invite friendly criticism tending to bring reform or improvement. If it is praise, tell your friends; if fault tell us, in order that we may approach perfection.

We crave not only the moral support of your Honors, but also your financial aid by increased appropriations in our favor in our endeavors to reach perfection as nearly as can be reasonably expected.

With all due praise for the co-operation of the Directors and the activities of the Librarian and his assistants, and the energies of the other employees, I close this report, as I said before, with pleasure and pride.

Assuring your Honors of our loyalty and cordial assistance, and wishing you individual and official success, we remain, I for all,

Your obedient servants,

CHAS. F. CLAIBORNE,
President New Orleans Public Library.



Royal Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Royal and Frenchmen Streets.

U. OF WIS.



NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

New Orleans, La., Feb. 9, 1932.

To the President and Directors of the New Orleans Public Library:

Gentlemen:

If the success of an institution is to be measured by the service it gives and the number it serves—and surely service to the people of the city must be the real aim and purpose of a public library—then the past year was the most satisfactory and the most successful in the history of the New Orleans Public Library. More people visited the library, more books were read in the library, more books were loaned to the schools and more books were issued for home reading than ever before. In ever-increasing numbers, people in all walks of life, used the Reference Department to find information on business problems, for genealogical research, in the preparation of speeches, radio talks, advertising, ball costumes, etc., and for studies in schools and universities. Parents and teachers called upon the Juvenile Department for more co-operation and assistance in the selection of reading for children. Each of the six branches showed a healthy and steady growth in service to its particular section of the city. The demand for additional branch libraries in sections now without adequate library service showed that the people are coming more and more to understand and appreciate the value of the public library to the community, and to feel the need of its service to young and old.

The demands from the public have been greater than ever before. Our circulation during the summer months was 40 per cent greater than in 1930, and would have been still higher had we been able to supply new books in greater numbers. And this demand was not entirely for light,

modern fiction. A surprisingly large part of it was for substantial non-fiction. There has been an impression that New Orleans was not a book-loving or a book-reading community. This apparently is all wrong. The people of New Orleans are book-readers, and we of the library believe that if given a chance they will read as many books per capita as the people of any city in the country.

With the co-operation of the teachers, the Public Library is doing a tremendous amount of work through the schools. About 100,000 books were loaned to pupils of the public schools during the year. Parochial and private schools are also using many library books. High schools, colleges and universities send hundreds of pupils to the public library to get books for supplemental reading and also to use the Reference Department for research work. As this work is growing with each session of school, better provision should be made to take care of it, for it is a very important part of the educational system. Teachers in every grade are realizing more and more each year the value to the pupil of reading books and of learning to do research work. We are now compelled to reduce the number of books loaned to some of the public schools because of the shortage of books for the lower grades.

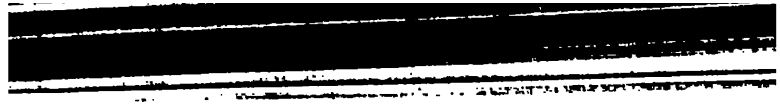
The constant use of the books we have tends to wear them out very fast, and we have had to keep a large number in the bindery all the time, to make them available for our readers just as long as possible. We should have more money for new books, for the replacement of books lost or worn out, and for rebinding and repairing books.

The Main Library was built about twenty-five years ago. Little has been spent on it in the way of repairs. Its lighting system is still of the vintage of 1907, and is inadequate for present-day service.

The Stacks Department—where the books are kept—was erected more than twenty years ago. It was built to hold four tiers of shelves, but only three tiers were then installed,



Algiers Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Pelican Ave. and Belleville St.



the plan being to add another tier when the number of books owned by the library had increased. This fourth tier should be added at once, for the convenience of the public and for the proper care of the books. Under existing conditions we cannot make all the books we now own easily available to all the public, and we cannot take proper care of the books, or safeguard them against mutilation and theft.

As every business measures its progress by its increase of sales or output, so the library must measure its progress in 1931 by the service given through the circulation of books and the use of its various departments by the public.

During the past year the New Orleans Public Library loaned 1,063,713 books for home reading, and 292,923 books were read in the libraries. This shows an increase of 23.46 per cent in the number of books read in the homes, and 25.45 per cent increase in the number read in the libraries, when compared with the year 1930. The Napoleon Branch, with an average monthly circulation of more than 12,000 books, was closed for repairs the first three months of the year.

The rebinding of 7,593 books made the shelves of the Main Library and branches much more presentable than they had been. All these books went through the Main Library and were returned to the Catalog Department for new pockets and cards. The tendency in all libraries is to bind books in bright colors. It has been found that this not only increases the interest of readers but that it takes away from the library the sombre atmosphere that once pervaded it.

The work of the six branches was given particular attention during the year. After a careful study of the work they were doing the Board authorized the employment of a third attendant in five of these branches. With this assistance the librarians have been able to keep the books in better order and in better condition and have very materially improved the service of the branches to the readers. Month-

ly visits were paid to each branch by members of the Main Library staff to study their problems and give such co-operation as was possible. This has proved to be very beneficial to the entire library system.

The recataloging of the library went forward at a rapid pace. Two new cabinets were added to the catalog cases in the Main Library. When these cases were added it was impossible to undertake the changing and re-arranging of the catalog during regular library hours, and the staff of the Catalog Department did the work one Sunday afternoon, moving the cards, relabeling and inserting hundreds of new guide cards to facilitate the use of the catalog by library patrons. The Catalog Department also during the year made an analysis of the plays, collected works and biographies in the library. There is now a card filed alphabetically giving the pagination, etc., of the title or name of each play, biography, etc., that may be sought for. This has been a great help to the public and to the Stacks Department, for it has made it easy to find every piece of material in the library.

At the request of Commissioner Joseph A. Skelly, Department of Public Property, three members of the catalog staff worked two days in the Parish Prison, cataloging and arranging the library that is being established there under the direction of the chaplain, Rev. Father Minor.

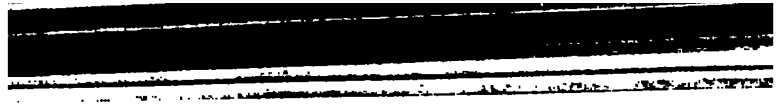
Numerous calls were made on Miss Leone, head of the Catalog Department, by persons interested in starting their own libraries, or who were to be employed in school and other libraries and others seeking information and advice on library problems. Assistance was given to all of these.

For the first time in three years an employee of the library died. Mrs. Mary L. Haggerty, for more than twenty years in the service of the library and for several years in charge of the Reference Department, passed away in March. She had been a very loyal employee and was admired and loved by the other employees in the library.



Napoleon Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Napoleon Ave. and Magazine St.

(U. OF MICH.)



Miss Eduarda Jennings, who had been granted a leave of absence to attend the Library School of Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, graduated from that institution in June and returned immediately to accept the position made vacant by the death of Mrs. Haggerty. Under the direction of Miss Jennings and her assistant, Miss Power, the Reference Department has made very satisfactory progress and has given service to a great number of people.

During the year much work was done by the staff of the Circulating Department to make the books in the open stacks of greater service to the patrons of the library. A short story catalogue was prepared, with cards for title and for author of every short story in the library in any collection except where the entire collection was by one author. A subject catalogue was also prepared, consisting of titles of fiction and non-fiction grouped under their subject headings. These catalogues are kept in the department, where the public has ready access to them and the assistance of a library attendant when it is needed. As new books are added to the collection new cards are made for these catalogues. There was a noticeable increase in the number of requests received from university and high school instructors for bibliographies on various subjects. Summer school faculties, at the suggestion of the librarian, sent advance notice of the books that would be suggested for collateral reading by their students. These lists were checked and the material to be thus used was made available to the students.

The work of the Juvenile Department has steadily increased. The annual celebration of Children's Book Week brought out an unusually large number of parents and children to view the display made in that department, and Miss McGinity and her staff received many compliments for their work. Many teachers and parents called upon the head of this department for co-operation and assistance in selecting books for children. The work with the schools,

carried on through the Juvenile Department, showed very steady and encouraging progress.

It was necessary to add new filing cabinets in the Registration Department to provide for the increased number of borrowers' cards and other records. This department, under the direction of Miss Helen Hill, with two assistants, keeps the records of all borrowers and notifies the borrowers and guarantors when books are kept overtime. It also handles all other correspondence of the library and compiles all library statistics. The year 1931 proved a very busy year for this department. More than twenty-five thousand pieces of first class mail were sent out of the Main Library during the year.

The Magazine and Newspaper Rooms attracted thousands of readers, and many compliments were paid the library on the completeness of the collection of magazines and newspapers on file in these departments. The number of readers in the Reference, Magazine and Newspaper Rooms in 1931 was 154,929, an increase of 6,632 over the previous year.

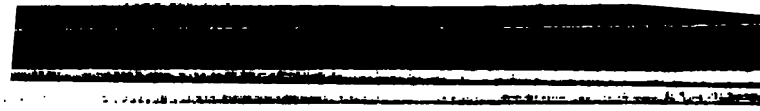
During the year 12,500 books were added to the volumes catalogued in the Main Library and branches. Of this number 10,814 were purchased and 1,686 were gifts. During the same period 6,293 books were lost or discarded as worn out. There were in the library at the end of 1931 260,882 books, a net increase for the year of 6,207.

Borrowers' cards issued during the year totaled 16,116, and during the same period 12,961 expired or were cancelled. At the close of the year there were 59,686 borrowers' cards in use, an increase of 3,157 over the previous year.

The Mending Department operated only in the forenoons. In addition to mending and making minor repairs to the books of the Main Library, it made covers for many paper bound volumes, prepared all the books for the binder and passed finally on all books that were discarded. The



Nix Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Carrollton Avenue and Willow Street.



attendants who worked in the Mending Department in the forenoon worked in other departments of the library in the afternoon and at night.

The Nix Branch was opened December 1, 1930 with 9,890 volumes. During the year 1931 we were able to add to the collection only 2,626 books. This branch soon showed the need of library service in that part of the city. During the past year it loaned for home use 148,712 books. This was larger by far than the number circulated by any of the five other branches.

The Napoleon Branch was closed three months of the year for repairs. New shelving and furniture were installed. Many of the books were rebound and some new books added. In the nine months it was open to the public it circulated 83,897 books for home use. The monthly reports from this branch indicate that its circulation is growing steadily.

The Canal Branch, second only to the Nix Branch in the number of books circulated, showed an increase of nearly 19,000 loaned for home reading over the previous year.

The Royal Branch showed an increase of nearly 11,000 and Algiers something more than 6,000.

The Dryades Branch (for negroes) had the largest circulation in its history—an increase of nearly 20,000 over the previous year.

During the year a certified public accountant made a very complete and thorough examination of the financial affairs of the library, and found them to be in proper condition. In his report he paid a very high compliment to Mr. Sam H. Livaudais, secretary and treasurer of the Board of Directors, for the very efficient manner in which the accounts of the library were kept. He found that all the expenditures of the library were accounted for by vouchers and receipted bills.

The Librarian wishes to express his deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Directors for their co-operation and assistance during the year. He also wishes to commend the members of the staff of the Main Library and the branches and the other employees of the library and the branches for their loyalty to the library and their efforts to give good service to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. MOORE,
Librarian.

NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Annual Statement for 1931

RECEIPTS

General Fund Balance from 1930		$ 12,892.31
City of New Orleans Appropriation	$75,000.00	
Interest on Daily Bank Balance	89.76	
Bourbon Street Property Rental	4,149.99	
Miscellaneous, Sales Waste Paper, etc.	48.15	
Investments, Interest on Coupons, etc.	360.00	
Fines—Main Library	6,118.39	
Royal Branch	707.06	
Algiers Branch	373.78	
Napoleon Branch	465.68	
Canal Branch	758.41	
Dryades Branch	110.97	
Nix Memorial Branch	1,110.62	
		89,292.81
		$102,185.12

DISBURSEMENTS

MAIN LIBRARY

Books	$10,798.18	
Periodicals	2,939.46	
Binding	3,504.05	
General Expenses	3,767.96	
Repairs, Main Library	254.32	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,013.00	
Insurance, Bourbon St. Property	284.62	
Heating	318.60	
Printing and Stationary	1,054.28	
Bourbon St. Property, Canal Bank service charges	4.25	
Salaries — Main Library, including substitutes	43,624.21	
N. O. Welfare Committee—a/c 5% deduction on salaries	733.96	
		$68,296.89

ROYAL BRANCH

Salaries	$ 3,716.27	
General Expenses	271.16	
Heating	48.00	
Binding	323.05	
Printing and Stationery	81.42	
		$ 4,439.90

ALGIERS BRANCH

Salaries	$ 3,577.93	
General Expenses	206.92	
Heating	58.10	
Binding	686.45	
Printing and Stationery	68.72	
Repairs	14.23	
		$ 4,612.35
Amounts carried forward		$77,349.14 $102,185.12

Amounts brought forward		$77,349.14	$102,185.12
NAPOLEON BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 2,986.80		
General Expenses	307.83		
Heating	19.00		
Binding	964.90		
Printing and Stationery	140.42		
Repairs to Building	4,592.65		
		$ 9,011.60	
CANAL BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 3,463.52		
General Expenses	224.05		
Heating	62.00		
Binding	1,195.05		
Printing and Stationery	119.67		
		$ 5,064.29	
DRYADES BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 2,962.93		
General Expenses	219.48		
Heating	45.50		
Binding	.65		
Printing and Stationery	69.92		
Repairs, Building Heating Plant	346.33		
		$ 3,644.81	
NIX MEMORIAL BRANCH			
Salaries	$ 3,737.87		
General Expenses	367.84		
Heating	75.60		
Binding	217.10		
Printing and Stationery	93.67		
Repairs	15.02		
Bronze Tablet for Building	166.75		
		$ 4,673.85	
			$ 99,743.69
Balance			$ 2,441.43
Total			$102,185.12
Balance in Banks:			
Canal Bank & Trust Co.		$2,316.18	
Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.		125.25	
			$ 2,441.43

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC LIBRARY

15—Bonds $1,000.00 each, City N. O. Constitutional Bonds 4%.
4—Bonds $ 500.00 each, City N. O. Constitutional Bonds 4%.
1—Bond $1,000.00 City of N. O. Public Improvement "OLD".
New Orleans, La., January 12th, 1932.



Canal Branch of New Orleans Public Library, at Canal and South Gayoso Streets.



SIMON HERNSHEIM FUND

Balance from 1930	$1,027.93	
To Interest Bonds of Liquidation "Trustees"	1,480.00	
		$2,507.93

EXPENDITURES

Books	$2,383.79
	$ 124.14
Balance in Bank:	
Jan. 12th, 1932, Hibernia Bank & Trust Co.	$ 124.14

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. LIVAUDAIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE REQUESTED
BY THE
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION

Annual Library Report for the year ending December 31, 1931.
Name of Library- New Orleans Public Library.
City or Town -New Orleans. State—Louisiana.
Terms of Use—Free for lending. Free for reference.
Number of Branches—Six.
Days open during the year:

Central Library	353
Branches	304

Hours open each week for lending and reading:

Central Library	76
Branches	66

	Adults	Children	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	205,138	49,537	254,675
Number of volumes added during the year by purchase	6,213	4,601	10,814
Number of volumes added during the year by gift	1,546	140	1,686
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year	2,979	3,314	6,293
Total number of volumes at end of year (count bound books only)	209,918	50,964	260,882
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent for home use	159,826	115,659	275,485
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	605,689	182,539	788,228
Number of volumes lent for home use (A. L. A. rules for counting circulation)	765,515	298,198	1,063,713

RECEIPTS FROM		PAYMENTS FOR	
Unexpended balance	$13,920.24	Books	$13,181.97
Local taxation (city appropriation)	75,000.00	Periodicals	2,939.46
State grants	None	Binding	6,891.25
Endowment funds	5,629.99	Salaries, Library service	54,308.72
Membership fees	None	Salaries, Janitor service	10,494.77
Fines and sale of publications	9,644.91	Lights (included in city contract)	None
Duplicate collection	None	Rent	None
Gifts	None	Permanent improvements	5,772.40
Other sources	497.91	Other expenses	8,538.91
Total	$104,693.05	Balance on hand	2,565.57
		Total	$104,693.05

Number of prints loaned for home use	None
Number of music rolls loaned for home use	None
Number of new borrowers registered during the year	16,118
Number of newspapers and periodicals currently received (Titles not including State or Federal publications)	356
Number of persons using the Library for reading and study	154,929



Dryades Branch (Colored) of New Orleans Public Library, at Dryades and Philip Sts.



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